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A PLEA FOR JUSTICE

ABLE AND SENSIBLE EXCERPT DELIVERED AT MINISTERS' MEETING

In Indianapolis by Rev. Edward L. Gilliam of Simpson Chapel.

EGROES' FUTURE - CONCERNED

What Is He To Do? A Reasonable Discussion on the Demands of the Hour--Interesting Data of Existing Conditions.

Mr. President and Brethren:—

It was not my intention to present, at this time, anything pertaining to the Race Question, and when your Executive Committee requested me to address you, I stated that I would do so with the express condition that this subject was to be barred, but since that time events have transpired which have caused me to change my mind, and being vitally interested in the conditions that obtain relative to the status of my race I beg your indulgence while I discuss briefly "What Shall the Negro Do?"

Debarred from Labor Unions, discriminated against in almost every avenue of life-trades, factories, Y. M. C. Associations, with their Reading Rooms, Lecture Courses, Gymnasiums, etc., closing their doors against him, with proscriptive laws enacted for his benefit, robbed of his right to vote, by Constitutional provisions in many States, with the President of the United States quoted as being opposed to any legislation looking to his relief in the particular direction, and not even a passing reference to it in his message to Congress, now in session, with the opportunities to earn an honest living becoming more restricted and lessened every day, lynched and mobbed with impunity upon any pretext and no pretext, may I not be pardoned for making inquiry "What is the Negro to Do?"

The Booker Washington idea, that of Industrial Education, so long advocated by our own Church, through its Freedmen's Aid Society, has been suggested by many as the solution, but may I ask where is the employment to come from with the Labor Unions solidly arrayed and factory doors closed against the Negro Mechanic, or skilled workman?

Another suggestion is that of emigration to Africa, but so far as I am aware there is no tendency towards voluntary emigration amongst the colored people of the United States, except for one reason. I have never heard a Negro assert that he desired to go to Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Cuba, or to the Philippines in order to engage in trade, agriculture, or manufacture, with the hope of greater profit, greater freedom, better advantages for his children than he would have in the United States, if his rights of person and property were secured, and he was given an equal opportunity to earn, to traffic, and to manufacture, with white men. In every instance it has been the insecurity of life, person and property; inequality of opportunity, the failure of the law to redress grievances, and the barbarity which defies law and makes resistance to injustice and oppression fatal, which has inclined the Negro to even think of emigration. I am sure that there is not a man of my race in the United States at this time, if we can be assured of justice, equal opportunity, and a "white man's chance," in a legal and economic sense, as citizens, as laborers, and as the owners of property who could be induced to leave this country. Migration is not contemplated, because of the inducements which it extends, but because of the hardships which American conditions present,—not because of what the Negro expects, or hopes to gain by going away, but because of what he is denied here.

There seems no controversy as to the rights, privileges, and immunities that are deemed inalienable and essential to the enjoyment of the white citizen, which are denied or believed to be denied to colored citizens in that portion of the United States where five-sixths of the colored citizenship is found, as well as the disabilities which more or less affect him throughout the entire Union, yet it may be well to recount them in order that it may be seen whether I fully understand their scope and character before making any comments in relation to the remedy proposed.

As I understand it, the colored citizens of the United States rightfully and justly complain that five-sizths of their number, or those residing in the Southern States are denied the inalienable rights of free men in the following respects:

1. The law offers them no protection in person or domicile against the violence or lust of the white man. This arises not from statutory or legal discriminations between white and colored persons, but because the construcon and administration of the law being in those States wholly in the hands of the white citizens, offences against colored persons, especially when of a serious character, are seldom punished, that the rare cases in which they are, but serve to confirm the general immunity with which the white citizen invades the rights of person of the colored man.

In support of this the following incontestible facts are cited:

1. That in twelve of the States of this Union, having a colored population of six millions, only three or four white persons have been executed for the murder of colored men or women in a quarter of a century, although in all those States, murder is by law punishable with death and the known and acknowledged killings of colored men by white men during that time have averaged more than one for every day for the twenty-five years past.

2. It is not known that any white man was ever convicted or punished in any of those States, for felonious assault upon or ravishment of a colored woman, though many thousands of such cases have been known, and they are believed to very greatly outnumber the assaults made by colored men on white women.

3. That while thousands of instances of the breaking of the domicile of the colored man and taking therefrom the owner, his wife, and his sons and daughters, and their flagellaupon the most uncertain testimony, and stance in which such acts have been punished by the courts, or damages allowed in civil suits, have been so rare and the punishment accorded even in these few cases so insignificant as to establish beyond question that the white man has nothing to fear from the law or public sentiment, for any crime against the person of a colored man.

4. That, on the other hand, crimes of the most trivial character charged against colored persons, are punished upon the most certain testimony, and with a severity apparently incredible in a civilized community, and altogether out of proportion with the punishment accorded to white criminals convicted of crimes of the same character by the same courts.

5. That the colored man is denied the exercise of his legal rigts as a voter in every State of the South, sometimes by fraud, sometimes by terror and violence, and sometimes disfranchised—though they constitute a majority of a State's voters, by the unblushing device of a Constitution, lence, being declared the fundamental law of a State without being submitted to the voters thereof for approval. prepared by delegates elected by vio-

6. That the colored citizens being stripped of political power and legal protection of his rights and being without hope of redress for his wrongs, is denied the right of public assemblage, free discussion and the public expression of disapproval of the wrongs inflicted upon his people.

7. That because of these conditions the colored citizen enjoys no such thing as parity or right or opportunity with the white man as a laborer, a debtor, or a creditor, since the law will not protect him in the assertion of his rights as such, nor punish the white man, if he be killed for making claim or demand for justice.

8. That the right of trial by jury is denied the colored citizens, and the most cruel and barbarous tortures inflicted upon him on the mere allegation of crime without law, trial, judge or jury, and with the full approval and endorsement of the white Christian citizens of the South, and without serious condemnation from the press or people of the North.

9. That laws are being enacted and enforced throughout these States intended to perpetrate the degredation of the colored citizens by requiring them to occupy separate compartments from those occupied by the whites on all public conveyances; that the purpose of such distinction is to perpetuate and legalize a color-caste in said

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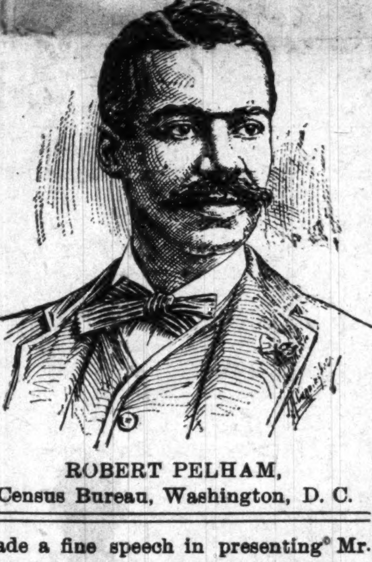
CHANGES IN GENERAL.

The City Authority Lays Down a Code of Strict Rules--Mentions and Church Items of Interest.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—We are looking forward with eagerness to see what will be the fruits of the action of the Tennessee Legislature in giving Mayor Williams the sole power in managing the city government. The first thing the mayor did was to lay down strict rules concerning the police department. They are not allowed to enter saloons or take a drink on or off duty and are not allowed to use profane language or smoke. We know not where on earth such a set of officers will be found, as we will not have to go a thousand miles to find a large number who love the old boozeology well enough to swim the Mississippi river to get a sip of this infernal stuff, but to the mayor we say well done. Undoubtedly the Honor has been to the moaners' bench at some of the churches, and heard a little man moan and say follow me. We remember some of his remarks at a christian gathering when called upon to address the body. He arose slowly and said, "Friends, I am at a loss what to say as this is the first time in my whole life I ever made any attempt to speak to a religious gathering." We think, if actions count for anything, that he has changed now and could go so far as to sing "Hark, from the Tomb a Doleful Sound, My Ears Attend the Cry." Last week the gambling hells were closed. We truly hope that they will remain so until Memphis shall cease to be a city. We suppose the slot machine will come in under the ax to be numbered with the by-gones. Mayor Williams has started a crusade that we hope will continue to grow until it reaches the places which have wrecked so many lives and caused the hearts of so many parents to bleed. We call his attention to Haden avenue and other tenderloin districts, where girls who are but ten and twelve years of age are kept in these groveling dens. Sir, it is your duty to see to it that the laws of chastity, as well as the civil ones, are kept, and we are glad to see that you have the moral courage to map out the plans which are to be executed. We notice with pride that the rules laid down says "Policemen shall be polite and courteous to all citizens." Well, we truly hope that this will be applied to all races alike, and not as a respecter of person or color; if it is not then we will brand our mayor as a hypocrite and impostor of the worst type, and when death shall come, as die he must, devils will drag his soul away, where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Mr. Mayor, before we close we want to ask one question of you: Why is it, when an officer arrests a colored man, the first thing in order is a club? Sir, see to it that we are arrested and treated as other beings, and if we command your officers to protect us or arrest a white man, tell them it is their duty to do so. The Teamsters and Labors' Club of this city were highly entertained Monday night, May 13, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fevver, 47 Lane avenue. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Mack Jones, Geo. Hulsey, Wm. Peyton, Ed Adams, James S. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fevver, V. P. Roberts, Thomas Ursher and Turner Powell. After the meeting refreshments were served in a very pretty style. We were out to the club meeting of the Pride of the North Social last week. Mr. Wilkerson, our escort, introduced us to Mr. Thomas, the president of the club. He is a kind and hospitable gentleman, and is loved by the members for these qualifications. Such a grand and glorious gathering of young ladies and gentlemen we have never met before. The Freeman wishes them continued success. The Colonial party given by the Sunday school class of Avery Chapel at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Briggs, 34 Turley street, was a grand affair. The guests were royally entertained, and went away with hearts of gratitude towards Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, as they spared no pains to make the gathering an enjoyable one. Miss Lillie Jacken left for her home, Beulah, Miss., after visiting her sister, Mrs. Lena Pickett, 208 South street. Miss Adella Davis will return to her home, Nashville. Tenn., after a long visit in the city. J. J. Davis, of New York, spent Thursday in the city. Miss Mary Willson, of 45 Lane avenue, is visiting friends at Helena, Ark. Rev. T. J. Jones, of Grayson, Ark., spent Friday in the city. We wish to call the attention of our many readers to the beautiful line of straw hats on sale at A. Means, 308 Second street. Now is the time to show your race pride. If every member of Avery Chapel, of which Mr. Means is a faithful worker, would give him their support instead of running to a white store, where their trade is not wanted, they would be doing a better service for their race and God than blating forth the worrisome cry of amen to everything the preacher says. The Odd Fellows of this city celebrated their anniversary at Avery Chaple last Sunday. Rev. Cleaves preached the sermon and Dr. Leftwich delivered the address. L. S. Orr was master of ceremonies. Mr. Morton made a fine speech in presenting Mr. Orr with a gold medal in behalf of the order and the household for his faithful service. Everything passed off all right; but, good Lord, what is the matter with Avery's choir? Only a few members were there to render music on this grand occasion. The Freeman thinks that some of the colored merchants need to clean up their stores a little if they want the trade of good people. The Christian Endeavor of Avery Chapel, A. Means, president, and W. R. Snipes, secretary, rendered a very pretty program a few Sundays ago. Mr. Sam D. Hays read the following paper: "Christianity Rules the World." In the days of penticost God caused his spirit to fill the holy sanctuary and thousands of souls were unable to withstand this power. Even to-day we are subjects of of its mighty influence. When this country had to meet its enemy face to face with guns upon their shoulders they went forth trusting in that God who is always able to give us the victory. At the beginning of this mighty struggle the part of this nation who believe in practical religion prayed unto God to end it all, and he cleared up that awful sin. The Lord Jesus Christ has stormed the battlements of the world, and have captured the weapons that were once used against his works. and now they are being used to spread the gospel. The discoveries of astronomy, the printing press and the platform are slowly, but surely, coming on the side of christianity. We will prove by the structure of the earth and the movements of the people that some power higher and greater than man rules and shapes the destinies of mankind. O, how powerful is religion! There is many a man to-day who is honest in business, true to his family and who loves his little ones that would be otherwise if it was not for this cause. There are a very few men or women who can stand the temptations of life without the aid of religion and believe that all mighty inventions are inspirations from God. Sometimes, when the astronomer swings his telescope through the elements, he is made to cry, as visions flash upon him, "Who am I? Undone, unclean and sinful; oh, Lord, have mercy on me." We do not want those christians who falter and sway from one side to the other, but those who stand on the word of God and practice christianity with assurance of that city not made with hands. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tunstill will leave the city on or about the 25th for Pecan Point, Ark., to attend the funeral services of a dear relative. Calvin D. Nesbitt, principal of the school at Eudora, Miss., was in the city last week, the guest of his brother, T. R. Nesbitt, 613 Wicks ave. The K. of P. lodge gave a grand entertainment at their new hall on Beale street, last week, which was one of the prettiest affairs of the season. We take great pleasure in calling the young mens' attention to a nice reading room located at 154 Beale street, C. H. Liscomb proprietor. It is one of the prettiest places in the city for young men to spend a few pleasant moments. It is a shame for our people to stray so far away from the christian principles. We once knew the time when you could not get a set of Negroes to violate the laws of the Sabbath, but to-day our hearts are made to ache at the Sunday dance and other things which destroy the flower of the race. We are sure no race loving person will so disgrace himself or herself as to go to church dance or riverside parks. We say and believe that Christ will endorse the same—that no respectable person will be found at either place. The revival which has been going on the Tabernacle church, closed last Sunday night with fifty-two converts, most of whom have joined the church, and will be baptized next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. S. Ellington, who has been carrying on the meeting, has done much good. He will leave for Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday, May 22, where he will continue his work. Mr. and Mrs. D. Butler celebrated their 20th anniversary at their beautiful little home on Dunlap street. The house was beautifully decorated with American beauty roses and white tulips. The affair was a pretty one. During the intervals of conversation a program of music was carried out. There were many distinguished guests present, who passed away a pleasant evening. The L. M. A. L. for the colored linemen ot Memphis is one of the strongest organizations in the city. They were organized some time ago by John Banks, financial secretary, A. D. Johnson, recording secretary, Thos. Meings, president, and R. H. Hobbs, treasurer.

E. W. SADDLER.



ROBERT PELHAM,
Census Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Memphis, May 18, 1901.

The writer would respectfully ask that your correspondent interview the colored lawyers of Memphis and ascertain which one, if any, refused to defend John Shaw. The writer was in Ohio at the time of the incident, and only says that he was never approached or requested to defend the accused, nor did he know of his arrest, trial or conviction until he returned to Memphis.

T. F. CASSELS.

Tuskegee Notes

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—42 diplomas from the Academic and 41 certificates from Industrial departments will be awarded at commencement May 30, 1901. The new horse barn, hospital, training school and Carnegie library buildings are being pushed rapidly forward. These buildings when completed will aggregate $31,000 in value. Electric lights have recently been introduced along the thoroughfares and into Alabama Hall and largest girl's dormitory by the young men of electrical division.

NEGRO IN THE WEST

PERSONAL POINTS ABOUT ROBERT PELHAM, JR., AUTHOR OF A PAPER ON ABOVE SUBJECT

That has Attracted National Attention --One Who Has Kept Above

THE WAVES IN WASHINGTON

Despite the Depth of the Water--In Touch With All the Lofty Activities --Mrs. Gabrielle Pelham--Other Washington News Items

Washington, D. C., Special.—I was much gratified to read in the editorial columns of last week's Freeman the very excellent and exhaustive review of the article on "The Negro in the West," which Mr. Robert Pelham, Jr., contributes to the current number of the Zion Quarterly, and which has been read with telling effect before three of Washington's most brilliant and intelligent audiences. The article is interestingly arranged, the evidence of growth in the West is culled from authoritative sources, and the the whole bears the marks of a man who thoroughly understands his subject and believes sincerely in the conclusions worked out. The Freeman's review will naturally excite interest in the article, and if those who read it are wise, they will not be content until they have purchased the entire argument, and placed the production upon their book shelves for permanent reference. Without violating propriety by injecting an advertisement in a news letter, it is my suggestion that as many Western people send to John C. Dancy, Charlotte, N. C. and procure a copy of the Zion Quarterly for April, May and June. Mr. Pelham's article alone is worth the price, 25 cents. The matter will not only be of interest to those who live in the West, but will be a valuable inspirer of reflection to persons in other sections who may wish to change their habits as to lands offering wider opportunities than they now enjoy, and to students of sociology, agriculture and professionalism, who may desire to intelligently institute comparisons, with a view of solving the mooted questions surrounding the Negro's future. To the investigators of the economic aspect of the race problem, Mr. Pelham's masterly array of facts will prove a veritable gold mine, and will provide food for a long series of meditations.

A word about the personality of Mr. Pelham will be of interest at this juncture, when he is so largely in the public eye. Mr. Pelham needs no introduction to the American people of either race. His most prominent work was as editor of and manager of the Detroit Plaindealer, which he conducted for ten years with such signal ability and success, that the paper is remembered today as perhaps the most aggressive, progressive and uncompromising advocate of the Negro's complete citizenship and civil rights that the country has known, before or since. The Plaindealer was neat typographically, clean editorially, and promptly and regularly delivered to its subscribers. Mr. Pelham has held numerous places ot trust and profit under the city government of Detroit, and has served the state of Michigan in high and responsible capacities, having been for some years an inspector of oils. There is not a man in the country, young or old, who knows more of the minutiae of the journalistic profession, or who is better prepared to "size up" the probabilities of the success of any newspaper enterprise which may be launched in the several states.

During the Harrison administration Mr. Pelham was a land agent, under the Department of the Interior, and did much effective work in the West, notably in Minnesota, and in the Dakotas. He became known as an expert in land titles, and was admitted upon all hands to have been the most thoroughly posted agent that his district had ever welcomed. The success achieved by Mr. Pelham in this field led to his assignment in the agricultural division of the United States Census Office as an expert, without examination, and his experience in passing upon land values and crop outputs, production of acreage, have contributed toward making him one of the trusted authorities in this department. And he has been eminently successful in other out-

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States, and establish a perpetual condition of inferiority and subjection for the colored man therein.

10. That the Supreme Court of the United States with which the construction of the Constitution and the assertion of the rights of the citizen must ultimately rest, has hitherto been the willing and subservient tool of oppression, straining in the old slave days the plain signification of its term in order to deprive the free States of the right to protect the fugitive from bondage and to prevent the slave from obtaining a foothold in the Courts of the United States, by which he might controvert the assumed right of the white man to enslave the colored man. Under the new order, the same court, with unconscious blindness has trampled on the very rules it established to secure the perpetuity of slavery, in order that a construction might be given to those amendments of the Constitution meant to afford security, for the rights and liberties of all, which would permit the white people of those States to deny all the rights of the colored citizen and, in the name of liberty, permit his perpetual debasement and legal degredation and subjection.

11. That the colored man is helpless in any reasonable and material degree to alter or amend this condition of affairs; because of the fact that, practically the whole white population of the South (though many are willing to treat him with favor), are by inheritance, training and evident self-interest, opposed to any recognition of any rights inhering in him which may be asserted or maintained against white men.

That the conditions of the past made both the rich and poor white people of the South unconscious enemies of the colored man, as the possessor of equal rights, while the interests of both are arrayed against his progress and independence to-day—the employer desiring to keep him dependent that his wages may continue as they are, at a rate which would be accounted starvation at the North, while the poor white regards him as an enemy because, even at such a wage-rate, the colored citizen has attained a degree of prosperity which the inveterate disinclination of his class to labor prevents them from acquiring. That because of these conditions—education, thrift and enterprise which in other communities are accounted valuable qualities in the citizen only awaken a more virulent antagonism against the colored citizen in the States of the South.

12. That the most enlightened public thought and Christian sentiment of the North, either favors the perpetual subjection, disfranchisement and practical enserfage of the colored citizens of the United States, or regard with entire indifference the question whether they are made a legally inferior and hopelessly degraded class, are driven into exile or doomed to absolute extinction.

That they are not only ignorant of the actual conditions which affect the colored people but are indifferent and unwilling to learn the truth, accepting the testimony of those who are by interest and inheritance opposed to the recognition of his inherent rights and who boast of having unlawfully deprived him of the privileges conferred on him by National power, while refusing to listen to his plea for the protection of his personal rights or those political privileges on which his power to protect himself depends. Also, that the white Christianity of the North, blinded by race affinity, color prejudice, or indifference, has become either the active endorser, silent approver or unconcerned spectator of the wrongs perpetrated upon colored Christians.

These facts, I contended, can not one of them be gainsaid, and because they are true, I submit that there are but three possible courses before the colored people of the United States.

1. To submit to these conditions, abandon all claim of right as men and citizens and confess themselves a permanently subject and legally inferior and helpless class. Or

2. To resist such tendencies, stand up for their rights and thereby invite extinction at the hands of the mob, backed by the power of the States, supported ultimately by the army and navy of the United States. Or to

3. Submit to be expatriated; be sent back to Africa in order that the "poor-white" may have a better chance as their ancestors were brought here in order that by their labor the master might have "greater leisure and opportunity to worship God."

The fact that so many of a people, whom two centuries and a half of the most self-obliterating bondage ever known has unfitted for migration, and who, by the exclusion of ordinary incentives to removal, have come to have a pathetic attachment even to the localities in which they suffered the most thrilling wrongs, are willing now to accept the uncertainty and peril of involuntary transmigration to a land with whose people they have no affinity in civilization, religion, or aspiration, but only in the mere matter of color—attests their sincerity in the belief of the hopelessness of their future if they remain in the United States, yet even under these conditions I can not accept the idea of general, or assisted migration of my people to Africa or elsewhere, as the least of the evils named, granting that one or the other of them were inevitable.

What is true of an individual, as regards rights and liberties, is even more emphatically true of a race, or people.

In my opinion it will be far better for the Negro of the United States to face extermination as a certainty on American soil, than to voluntarily surrender his birthright in American civilization.

It is better for a man to be killed, fighting his enemy, by his enemy, than to kill himself for fear of his enemy, and it is far better for the American Negro to die on American soil struggling for his rights, than to perish in the attempt to avoid such struggle by running away from his home land.

Should he leave America as suggested, I have not the least doubt that he will utterly perish and disappear, as a factor of the world's life, for the following reasons:

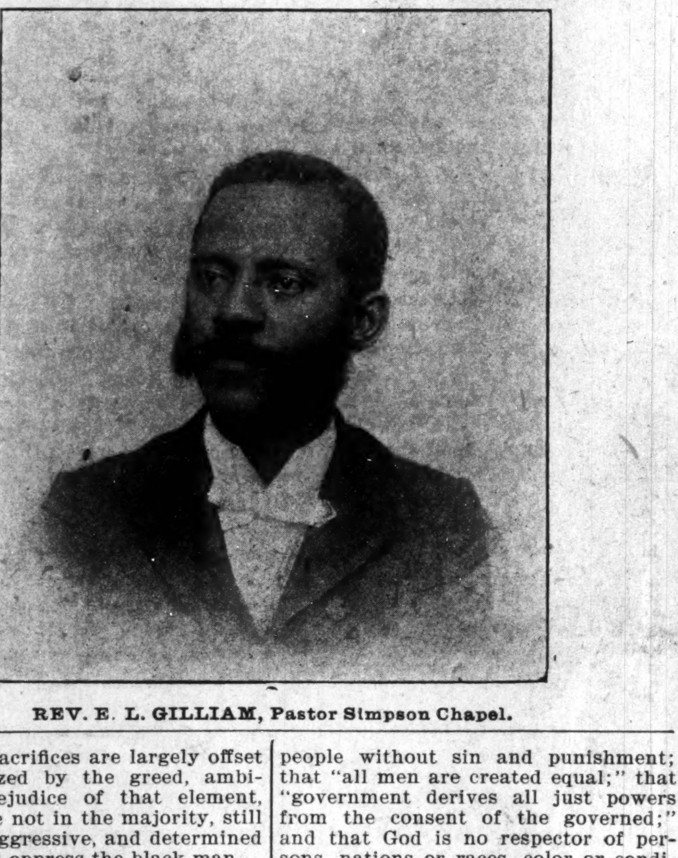
1. No Esau that sells his birthright for a pleasant posset, rather than toe the scratch and fight and die for it, if need be, has ever been any account in the world's life; simply because such a people, by that very act, confess that they lack the nerve and self-reliance to achieve great things.

2. No people, fresh from bondage, ever has been, or ever will be, able to confront barbarism and the relaxing influence of savage life especially in a climate where the bodily needs require little exertion, without fatal demoralization.

3. Successful migration of a people from one land to another demands one of two conditions: either (1) the migrators must have been trained to self-dependence by generations of hardships and years of struggle, making the migration in reality only a change of base on which to continue the struggle for their rights, or (2) they must go from a lower to a higher civilization, from a worse to a better moral and political environment. The early immigrants to America illustrate the first of these conditions; the later immigration the second. The fact that the Almighty found it necessary to kill off all but two of the Israelites who left Egypt before he could trust them to make a settlement in Canaan illustrates the immutable truth that underlies both.

But fost of all, it is necessary to keep in mind the fact that such migration would accomplish nothing whatever towards relieving the colored race of that inveterate inclination of the white civilization to despoil and oppress the colored man wherever he may be found, and whatever his condition or character may be.

I have no desire to, in any way, detract from the earnest efforts put forth by those white men, and women, who have made and are making great sacrifice of time, talent, comfort, money, and advantages to aid the Negro—still it is true beyond question that these efforts, and sacrifices are largely offset and neutralized by the greed, ambition and prejudice of that element, which if it be not in the majority, still is the most aggressive, and determined to hinder and oppress the black man.



REV. E. L. GILLIAM, Pastor Simpson Chapel.

If all the colored people of the United States were set down in Africa in a night, this wave of extermination and debasement would hardly be delayed a single day. In the past the white man robbed Africa of the African—to-day he robs the African of Africa.

The United States is the most civilized and Christian people in the world, but what hope is there that a civilization which will not deal justly with its own citizens at its very doors and under the shadow of its flag, with the open portals of churches all around us, would deal justly with them as aliens, thousands of miles away? There is no sort of use in "Christianizing Africa" until Christianity becomes a sufficient force in civilization to require a white people to deal justly with a colored people at home.

If the redemption of Africa is to be brought about by the colored people of America, the work must not be done in Africa, but in the United States. Africa would be redeemed and christianized and civilized in a comparatively brief period, if the white Christian people of the world could be induced to forego their favorite policy of killing, robbing, enslaving and debasing colored people for their own profit and advantage. As long as Christianity permits, countenances or excuses and covers up such wrongs, just so long there will be no hope for Africa or any heathen people that names the name of Christ.

I have no doubt that God in his inscrutable wisdom intended by the importation and enslavement of the colored people in the New World; by the establishment of the Great Republic on that unaccountable miracle, the Declaration of Independence; by the horrible fact that a Christian people denied to the slave the rites of marriage in order that there might be no barrier to lust and greed, by the naturally resulting fact of unrestricted miscegenation, by which more than nine-tenths of them became allied in blood to their oppressors; by the miracle of their emancipation and the proof they have made so abundant of obedience to law rather than any inclination to barbarism;—I have no doubt that by these kindred marvels in their history, God intends to teach the world through them one of the greatest lessons which humanity must learn before His kingdom can come on the earth. For, however stoutly humanity may pray that His will may be "done in the earth" it never will be done until men do it; and men will never do it as long as Christianity pardons, condones and passes over in silence every sort of wrong that men desire to do for lust or profit, if only the doer have a white skin and professes to represent a "Christian civilization."

At the same time a singular atrophy has seized upon the conscience of the church which claims to be the special trustee of the Divine will and purpose. It shuts its eyes and turns away from those horrors and says: "We can do nothing to prevent them. Christ came to save souls. That is the only mission He gave to the Church. The strong must still consume the weak; the white man still oppress the black; the love of Christ makes the soul free; but it has naught to do with the body. The devil must still have his way with that."

I have no doubt that God intended to rebuke and eradicate this most horrible of all the evils of earth, because done in His name—the unutterable sin of excusing the oppression and injustice of one people done unto another, on the ground that the oppressors are the favorites of his love and must be permitted unreproved to do evil in his name. I have not any doubt that God intended to rebuke, and forever, this most devilish human distortion of His word and will, by and through the experience and destiny of the colored people of the United States. I have no doubt that through them He intends to prepare the way by which "Ethopia shall stretch forth her hands to God;" but I believe He intends that when that time shall come, they who stretch forth black hands to plead for salvation, shall live to glorify the justice that saves and makes sweet and strong on earth, not to greet a faith more horrible than that of Moloch which gives permission to any white people to destroy or debase any colored people, if thereby they can gain power or gold.

But this lesson is not to be taught in Africa. The work that must be done to make straight the way of the Lord must be done in the hearts of the white and black Christian people of the United States. Here only on earth is the soil prepared for such farther unfolding of that truth which began to shine on Olivet, as shall make it plain that "of one blood are all nations of the earth," and that no nation or race or people may do evil to another people without sin and punishment; that "all men are created equal;" that "government derives all just powers from the consent of the governed;" and that God is no respector of persons, nations or races, color or conditions, creeds or civilizations.

Whether this result will be brought about through the courage, the wisdom, and patience of the colored race, or hastened by their weakness and futile hope of escape from impending evils, I do not know. But I do know that there are hundreds of thousands of white American Christians, who realize with horror and anguish unspeakable, the very truths I have uttered. These are ready to co-operate with the colored citizens of the United States in trying in that highest court of earthly resort—the tribunal of the world's intelligence and conscience,—the question of liberty, justice, security, and equal opportunity for any race of the United States.

I believe there are many thousand of white citizens who will stand with us in this great assize where the right of the white people to wrong a colored people must be passed upon, and I believe that when the final judgment is entered up, it will stand in characters of living light beside the verdict of the same great conscience, upon the question of the individual white man's right to enslave the individual colored man, for his pleasure and profit.

While it is true that the Supreme Court of the United States, ever since the infamous Dred Scott decision down to the more recent one upon the Kentucky Separate Coach Law, save the dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan—has ever been the relentless foe of the Negroe's personal rights, and apparently the willing tool of oppression, it is equally true that when appeal was taken from its decision, to the conscience of the American people, it not only reversed the decree of that tribunal, which has put a doubtful theory of government above the inspired declaration on which its high commission was based, striving to give a white man's government power not derived from the consent of the colored people it desired to control, debauch and degrade, but in its own blood, freely shed, "and with malice towards none and with charity for all," entered upon the divine decree, "Let the oppressed go free!"

I trust and pray that the Negroes in the United States will be wise enough, and brave enough, and true enough, to see that in earnest and persistent appeal to this great sentiment of American liberty and justice, lies not only his hope of liberty, justice and equality, of opportunity, but also, his only reasonable hope of serving God and humanity, by opening the way for justice to the weak and opportunity for all earth's millions whom God has clothed in dark skins.

American citizenship is the shield of safety to my race in this country, and we must hold it stoutly up to be protected by it.

In order to make this shield effective, I insist that we must put behind it an honest, industrious, self-respecting and law-abiding life.

Much more is asked and required of us than of any other class of citizens, while at the same time less reward and inducement is held out to us than to any other class, yet good citizenship must always institute our first and highest claim to protection and privilege as a citizen.

We must make a study of citizenship, for no man, white or black, knows the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of the citizen by instinct.

We must make it an important feature of our religion, for in my opinion a religion that does not make the rights and wrongs of a people a chief concern of its worshippers, is of very little account in this world at least. A Christian ministry who are not also prophets of liberty and justice, might as well be prophets of Baal—no matter what their color.

We should not sue for mercy at the hands of our fellowman because he is white and we are black. That is beggary. Men may ask mercy of God, but a Christian people should only ask justice of another people.

The Negro can join with his fellow-citizens, and with all who love liberty and justice, to prosecute in the great court of Public Opinion the cause of equal and exact justice, full security and fair opportunity for all.

We have reached that time in the world's history when public opinion is not only the higher law, but the real law. The only question is whether a good public opinion, or a bad one shall rule. What shall the Negro do? What can he do? What confronts him?

The condition which the Negro entering the new century meets is that he is rejected at almost every portal leading to those things which elevate and develop the highest type of man and womanhood.

If he apply at the factory, or workshop door he is told that Negroes can not be employed," if he turn to the merchant he is reminded that "none but white men are fitted for clerkships," let him seek admission into the office and he is considered an intruder, and as such is barred out, and so in almost every line of business. In despair he turns to the Christian organizations, feeling assured of a welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus, but to his dismay such organizations as the Y. M. C. A. (as was told us in this room some few weeks ago by Secretary Houser) "that the advantages and opportunities of this Association were not for his race." Where shall he turn, and to whom shall he look for encouragement? Every avenue leading up to a higher life is closed against him. The only open door is that leading to the Saloon, the Gambling Hell, the Ball Room, the street corner, or to the class of employment which white men do not care to engage in, and even that at starvation wages.

Is it to be wondered at that he is worthless to a great degree? How can he be otherwise? But what is he to do? What can he do? By himself—nothing, or almost nothing. He must have help, and it is my earnest wish this morning to enlist the sympathy, the interest, the encouragement of you Brethren—the Lord's messengers, men who believe in fair play, in his behalf. You can help us by pointing out to your people the injustice of measuring a man by the color of his skin, as by that of his hair. If the Negro be of sufficient value and worth, to receive at the hands of white men in the stores, the office, or the bank, courteous treatment, and consideration, if he be good enough to make your bread, cook your pies, drive your horses, nurse your children, take care of your property, be entrusted with your money and other valuables—if he be good enough to be trusted thus far, wherein lies his unfitness to make your shoes, your wagons, your plows, your furniture, or sell you calico, bacon, medicine, hats, caps or anything that a white man sells?

If you wish him to attain the highest point of citizenship, why debar him from those walks of life wherein he would come in contact with the best type of white citizenship, and force him to make his own way amongst the class who have little, or no ambition to ever be more than "Hewers of wood and drawers of water?"

Lend us your influence in this direction, persuade the factory owners to open their doors to our boys, ask the merchant, with whom we spend millions of dollars annually, to give us opportunity to work up beyond sweepers and scrubbers—in fact give us a chance on our merit, and not on color, to show that we are honest, faithful, and competent, and we shall have all that we ask, or deserve—"A Freeman's chance and a Citizen's opportunity."

With Christian Reading Rooms, and Lecture Courses open to us, with the signs "No Negroes admitted" removed, with the field in which to earn an honest living enlarged and not diminished, under these encouraging conditions the Negro of the 20th Century will answer the question to the satisfaction of his friends and of himself, by proving that it is not the contour of the skull, the texture of the hair, or the color of his skin, which constitutes the man, but that true manhood, and upright, virtuous womanhood may be found in Ebon caskets as well as in Alabastor boxes.

And in conclusion, my brethren, I have spoken to you this morning as a man—I do not stand here the representative of a small part of this body politic, nor as the inferior of any man present—but as your brother, a member of the greatest Protestant Church in the world, one that has always believed in Fair Play—I stand here to-day not to beg of you alms, not to ask for the crumbs which fall from your tables, nor to whine and cringe, grovel and fawn, for favors—but as a man created in the image of my Divine Maker, as a son of your Heavenly Father and mine, as a member of the same common family, as an heir to the same Kingdom, as your Brother, whether you wish me to be or not, still by Divine decree and Divine plan, your Brother; I stand here this morning as a citizen—full-fledged, to the manor born—of this great Republic, entitled by birth, and by loyal service to every right, privilege and immunity of citizenship—as such I stand here this morning in behalf of more than 25,000 of my race in this city to plead with you to open your hearts wide enough to permit the touch of the Divine to enter your souls, that you may prove amply worthy the high calling of ambasadors of the Lord Jesus Christ by rising above race prejudice and color blindness, and while preaching sermons denunciatory of the wrongs perpetrated by the Spanish upon the Cubans, or the British upon the Boers, that you turn your batteries upon the injustices done my people right here in this city, by the members of your own congregation and of your own churches.

I am sure you are aware, to some extent, at least, of the prevailing conditions, as I have faintly pointed out, and I am equally sure that you are honest enough to condemn them in your hearts—may I not fondly hope you will be courageous enough to take your place upon the side of right and of justice by publicly denouncing such practices, thus assisting us to make ourselves better men and women?

It is easy enough to tell me to be a man, and to wait, but I wish to say to you that no man, nor race, ever attained a high place unaided—he must be assisted from the outside—and much of the arts and sciences benefiting the human family to-day, and which the Anglo Saxon world lay exclusive claim to—is but the borrowed information of other races—so while you tell me to be a man, permit me to say to you "to be a man also," for it is no less manly to denounce a wrong than to submit to one.

In behalf of my race, as I stand before you this morning as its sole representative—I extend my hand—black though it be, but a hand which has ever been true to every interest of this American nation, a hand which has ever loyaly upheld its flag, a hand which when days were dark, clouds heavy and enemies strong and numerous — shouldered musket, wielded sword, and drove bayonet to the destruction and dismay of the foe, a hand which in time of peace has tunnelled mountains, bridged rivers, felled forests and tickled the bosom of mother earth causing her to laugh and yield bountiful harvests of fruits and grain, a hand black and grimy from contact with plow, shovel, pick and hoe—a hand horny from acquaintance with washtub, iron board and cook pot—a hand which has rocked your cradles, soothed your children, and bathed your fevered foreheads—this hand backed up by the hearts of nearly eight millions of God's image carved in Ebony, I extend you this morning sincerely trusting, earnestly hoping and devoutly praying, a brother's hearty response, and then defying whatever may come we will side by side with you make this land indeed and in fact, "The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

TOM THE TATTLER

CHICAGO, ILL.

From the standpoint of colored professionals Chicago is now raging. In variety there is every kind, from those who flourish in the "honkytonk" to those who aspire to be headliners. Some of these have been quite prosperous this season, while many others have had a difficulty in saying, "let me have some liver and bacon, cut thin and fried hard, please." The past season has been notable for its many theatrical crashes, and, as a result, this spring finds many hold-over suits and shoes, instead of having the late military heel, a very dilapidated one.

The new chief of police is making the way of the transgressor hard. At the rate he is raiding dens of vice he will noon have the moral atmosphere of the city in a prime condition. Many anathemas of the wicked are hurled at him, but these are offset by the prayers and encouragements of the righteous.

The Slayton Jubilee Singers have arrived in town, bringing with them every evidence of prosperity.

Bob A. Kelley, the Ananias of the profession, failed to appear in Chicago with the other members of the "Dixie" company. It seems as though Kelley was tipped that everything was not well for him here, and the best thing he could do was to duck it. He did so. When the company closed in one of the towns in Indiana he took out for New York like a scared rabbit. It was well that he did so, for a vigilance committee was formed to receive him, and had they done so it is more than probable he would have been roughly dealt with. As a result of "too much Kelley" the Hottest Coon in Dixie to day is a financial wreck. Every member has a financial grievance against the company. Had the manager only displayed the faintest gleam of intelligence, instead of to-day treading the streets of Chicago in mortal fear of his creditors, he might be superintending the erection of a beautiful dwelling in the neighborhood of professional headquarters. In obedience to the greatest liar the world has ever seen, the strength of the company was sacrificed. Yes, Kelley has certainly put Miller on the bum. To-day, as his head is bowed in financial ruin he should reflect on the folly of his ways, and if fortune ever puts another company in his grasp he should not let success dissipate and weaken his brain, and make him kill the hen that lays the golden egg.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. H.—Yes; Carter Harrison is mayor of Chicago, but Hinky Dink is worth respecting.

Wise Willie—Taking all things into consideration, the "R" in the gentleman's name must stand for rotten.

Honey Bee—We don't know what street in Chicago turns out the greatest number of prims, but will look the matter up.

Stage Struck—How can you get on the stage? Do like several others I know—"butt on"

Anxious Inquirer—No; that gentleman is not president of our brain trust, and never could be. What on earth ever led you to believe he had the smallest part of a brain? Are you brainless yourself?

Biblical Student—Where is the Holy City? Drop a letter to Francis O'Neill, chief of police, Chicago, Ill.

O. S. Culation—If you want to kiss the lady and she refuses, tell her she is full of germs, and you are better off without the kiss.

Loving Lize—If he don't love you I would not take the poison; you only spite yourself.

Observer — Why are sermons dry? You seam to forget preachers don't drink.

Hardhead Harry—Yes; it wisdom was selling for three cents a headful, the man you speak of would still be a fool.

One-eyed Peggie—Probably, if you had your other eye, you would see the matter in a different light.

Jennie June—It used to be the Hottest Coon in Dixie, but now it is cold storage.

The American Federation of Musicians, in session at Denver last week, declared vigorously against ragtime. Ragtime has been an object of attack for the last two years by several persons of prominence. Will J. Davis, one of Chicago's leading managers, thought he had put a quietus on ragtime when he declared no performer should play his house who indulged in ragtime "coon" songs. In spite of this and several other hard raps the "coon" song, with its ragtime setting, flourishes. There are more of them on the market

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THE WAITER
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EDITED BY

W. FORREST COZART.

Daniel Boone, who has been in charge of one of the hotels situated in the Yellowstone National Park, will return to the same hotel this summer, and is now recruiting his crew in St. Paul, Minn.

E. M. Redd is the only waiter in St. Paul who has become afflicted with the Pan-American Exposition fever. He has already gone to Buffalo. The other waiters of St. Paul say that St. Paul and the West is good enough for them. Right you are boys, for there are 150 colored waiters in Buffalo looking for work now.

W. Forrest Cozart has copyrighted a book which he calls "The Star Boarder." The book is written wholly upon incidents of hotel life. It is the intention of the author to have the "Star Boarder" dramatized.

White waiters in New York City have a monopoly of the hotels, restaurants and club houses. This is due to their superb organization, there being about twenty-five different organizations or councils among them, while the colored waiters in or outside of New York have no organization; do not work for each other's welfare, but every man is out for himself trying to down some other good man. So long as this cut-throat goes on so long will we behind the white waiters. This is especially true of the colored waiters.

S. H Scurry, an ex-waiter of Milwaukee, Wis., is now employed as butler in the private residence of a H. H. Hanna, who resides in Indianapolis. Mr. Scurry spent four years at Tuskegee Industrial School, where he learned to cook. Mr. Scurry's many friends will be glad to know of his whereabouts as it was reported that he had been killed in Cuba. A representative from Tuskegee made a special trip to Milwaukee, last year, in search of Mr. Scurry, for whom he had a good position.

H Jenkins, a waiter employed at the Nicolett Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., became involved in a dispute with one the cooks in that hotel, recently, and the cook refused to serve Jenkin's order, so the waiter and cook decided to fight it out, but the headwaiter, John Crawford, heard of the fracas, and decided it would be better to lay Jenkins off, which he did. This decision did not meet the approval of the other waiters, and, as a result, the majority of them lined up and marched out. The cafe of the hotel had to be closed, and the cafe waiters were ushered into the American dining room until a new crew could be organized. Mr Crawford has been headwaiter at the Nicollett for about seven years. It seems that colored waiters will never learn that they have everything to lose and nothing to gain by strikes.

James Stewart, a St. Paul, Minn., waiter, is said to be one of the oldest waiters in the country, and he is still as active as ever.

Headwaiter Evans of the Ryan hotel, St. Paul, Minn., has an excellent crew of waiters, and maintains good discipline over them. Mr. Evans recently served a banquet of five hundred plates, giving the best satisfaction.

Dining Room Staff of the International Hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

William S. Foreman, headwaiter.
William Logan, second waiter.
Frank Ayers, dining room secretary.
Thos. R. Anderson, captain morning watch.
James Dickerson, captain day watch.
John Adams, charge of linen.
Chas. Lewis, captain of silver.
John Moberley, private waiter.
A crew of forty waiters.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 7, 1901.

Hon. W. Forrest Cozart, Weddell House,
Cleveland, Ohio:

Dear Sir—On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Afro-American League I hearwith enclose you two tickets, and extend to you our grateful thanks for the money thus contributed The entertainment will be given in honor of Hon W. T. Green, May 22, and we hope that you will make it convenient to be present.

Yours very truly,
J. J. MILES.

NOTICE.

If all the headwaiters in the country, who read The Freeman, would follow the example of J. T. Gilbert, headwaiter at the Hotel Anderson, Pittsburg, Pa, we would soon be in position to give the colored waiters of this country the best paper ever published in their interest, and our influence would be felt in their behalf. Mr. Gilbert sent us eleven subscriptions this week secured from his crew. Who will be the next?

The following article is self explanatory:

"The headwaiter and his assistants of the Lotos Club desire to express their sincere thanks for the able and successful manner in which the Hon. John S. Wise championed the cause of the colored employes of the Union League Club. We believe their retention to be due in a large measure to the interest he manifested, and the support given by other gentlemen associated with him who are interested in the welfare of our race.

As we are serving in a club in a similar capacity we are naturally in deep sympathy with the employes of the Union League Club, hence we can but rejoice because of the manner in which the issue has been settled.

We feel that our entire race owes to him and those who stood by him a lasting debt of gratitude, and we promise to conduct ourselves in such a way as to merit and deserve the support of distinguished men like himself. Again thanking him for the interest manifested, with deep gratitude we are respectfully

WILLIAM A. MATHIAS, Headwaiter, and other colored employes of the Lotos Club."

John Stokes, formerly headwaiter at the Chicago Beach Hotel and Yellowstone National Park hotel, is now in St Paul, Minn., where he will organize his crew for the Yellowstone National Park.

The following is the staff of the Aragon Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia:

W. H. Pierce, headwaiter.
W. M. Ford, second waiter, 179 Clark street.
Abe Morgan, 229 Piedmont avenue.
Albert Davis.
Oscar Williams.
Charlie Bishop, 130 Hillard street.
Munroe Woodall.
Ransom Malone, 20 Solomon street.
Judson Echoler, 64 Sampson street.

The dining room of the Chittenden Hotel, Columbus Ohio, usually employs from thirty to thirty-five men officered by the following officers:

Capt. T. H. Frazier, headwaiter.
A. W. Martin, second waiter.
F. W. Addison, secretary.
James Bowman, captain of morning watch.
James Henderson and George Huston, captains of day watches.
Radford Ellis, formerly of the Neil House, is hat man.

Henry Harris, chef, assisted by his son, Eddie Harris, and James Coleman, have charge of the kitchen of the Nelson Hotel at Rockford, Ill. E McCance has charge of the wash room. This hotel has employed girls since last October.

Wilson Warren, formerly headwaiter at the Hotel Cogsant, Eureka Springs, Ark., is now second waiter at the Del Prado Hotel in Chicago.

Willis Martin, one of the most prominent headwaiters in Indiana and Indiana vice-president of the H. and S. W. N. B. A., is seriously ill at his home on North Capital avenue, Indianapolis, of lung trouble. Mr. Martin was for a number of years headwaiter at the Grand Hotel, and at present headwaiter at the Denison. David Ghee is filling his position temporarily.

Willis Clark, for many years at Hot Springs, Ark., has opened a hotel for colored people at Martinsville, Ind., a health resort. Fred Douglass Clark is manager. They invite the colored people all over the country to correspond with them when in need of treatment.

The hotel waiters of Indianapolis listened to a very instructive and interesting sermon, last Sunday evening, at Bethel A. M. E. church, by Dr. Downs, the pastor. There was a large attendance.

The attempt of the proprietors of the Grand Hotel, in Indianapolis, to recently supplant its colored waiters with white waiters proved a dismal failure. The waiters "got on" to the proceeding and refused to open the dining room doors for supper until they had an "understanding." The management acceded to their demands, giving them an increase in salary and a contract for a year.

"Al" Robinson, at present "mixologist" at the Lake Side Club, Chicago, will leave shortly with a full crew of waiters for Yellowstone Park.

The Waiter Question.

A scarcity of waiters is reported, from the West especially. This is markedly true of colored waiters. They are already overrunning Buffalo. If all the colored waiters flock to Buffalo it will cause many of the western hotels to put white waitresses in their dining rooms. It is already reported that the Albany Hotel, Denver, Col., will put girls in the dining room soon. If the above report is true it will be a hard blow to the colored waiters, for the Albany for many years was the only hotel that would employ colored waiters. The temptation may be great to temporarily leave a position for one at a larger salary, but the best thing a good waiter can do is to stick to his old position.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend Mr. J. J. Miles' celebration, last Sunday, at Milwaukee, in honor of his 25th anniversary as head and second waiter of the Plankinton House dining room. We regret we were unable to attend.

The Algonquin Hotel Staff of Dayton, Ohio.

L. J. Rice, headwaiter.
A. Hasking, captain.
A. B. Jones, captain.
Joseph McCarthy.
R. L. Richardson.
Tony A. Nix.
Thomas Gilliam.
Albert Lewis.
E. B. Chambers.
Thomas Sellers.
John Ritter.
Walter Ecton.
Walter Herring.
Thomas Gilliam, Jr.
Alex. Johnson.
L Davis.
William Hunter.

Notes from the Plankinton House of Milwaukee, Wis.

Joseph Matthews, who claims to be an ex-waiter, was sent out to the house of correction for ninety days because he made those "goo-goo eyes." A handsome young white lady clerk in the post-office claimed that he had tried to flirt with her on the street upon several occasions... W. J. Miles has resigned his position as waiter at the Plankinton and accepted a position with Mr. Gold, a commercial man, with whom he will travel in the South and West for three months. Upon his return to the city Mr. Miles will accept a position with the American Express Company under W. H. Dodsworth....E M. Johnson, an ex-headwaiter of Dayton, Ohio, is in the city, and may be found at the Plankinton... Joseph Bailey and Wm. Davis, of Springfield, Ill., are in the city, and have accepted positions at the Plankinton. They are up-to-date waiters.... Mr. Littleton Stevenson, of Anaconda, Mont., is in the city, and may be found at the Plankinton. Mr. Stevenson says that they pay side waiters $35 per month at the Anaconda Hotel, and they will not stay at that price. He also says the white waiters' unions are driving the colored waiters out of the business throughout the West. They get $40 per month in hotels and $12 to $17 per week in restaurants....W. D. Hargrow writes from St. Paul, Minn., that he is well pleased with his position as side waiter at the Hotel Ryan....William Coleman and Charles Stevenson, brushmen at the Plankinton, got into an argument as to who was the handsomest man. They finally settled the question with a knock out. Both of them are looking for situations....David Brown studied one of Cozart's manuals prior to learning to wait table. He has only been in the business a year May 1st, and he can go up and take his six and eight guests better than half of the supposed waiters that come down the pike now-a-days. He has been known to make as high as $4.50 tips per day in conventions while the old timers would not make a cent.

The following is self explanatory, and invites your attention:

COLORED WAITERS DISPLACED.

Editor Hotel Life: Replying to your inquiry—Negro waiters are beginning to be displaced by white servants at summer hotels. I have made arrangements to change the entire force of eighty men from black to white for the coming season. This is a departure from the service of my hotel for the past ten years, but other hotels are doing it, and I feel that I must.

I have found that one white waiter, particularly the German or Swiss, is worth more than three colored waiters. Moreover, the white man usually prides himself on his clean linen and keeps himself clean besides. The standard of service in the large hotels is being raised each year, and the colored man does not seem to come along with it.

ALBERT R. KEEN,
Manhansett Hotel, Shelter Island, New York.

TOM THE TATTLER.

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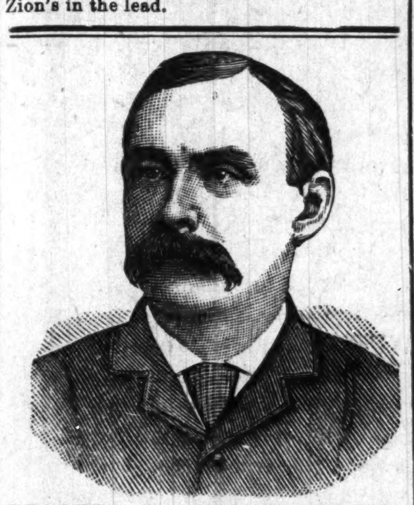
than ever. The Federation at Denver thought the music taste of the public had wandered so far from the ideals of Wagner, Beethoven, etc., it was cause for alarm. In unlimited numbers the people have been turning from symphonies and rhapsodies to such songs as "Ragtime Life" and "Goo-Goo Eyes." The craze has reached such proportions the prima donnas are now essaying it. Music teachers, in order to make a living, must shelve Clementi and Czerney, and teach the popular syncopation. Many a performer's sole reputation hangs on his ability to dispense it.

Whether or not the Federation of Musicians can suppress ragtime remains to be seen. After all it is left to the public. Music is a luxury and not a necessity. If the public wants a luxury and can't get it they simply will do without it. When musicians find that nothing but empty benches will listen to a Dvorak or Brahms symphony they are likely to change their way. The public alone, I think, must do away with ragtime, and no outside pressure can affect it.

TOM THE TATTLER.

Bad Report.

Roxie, Miss., Special.—On account of the hard rain and cool spell in April, which cut off the first cotton planted it is thought that crops will be a little short, we think it is better for the farmer. To show how much you appreciate race pride and race enterprise is to subscribe for The Freeman. Mt. Olive will have to hustle up in her subscription; Zion's in the lead.



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COMMENCEDMENT DAYS

Commencement days are at hand with all of their meaning. To those who, in the buoyancy of youth, are revelling in their physical strength as a strong horse in battle, and in their mental equipment, sighing as Alexander for worlds to conquer, it is certainly a most glorious period.

It would be cruel to too strongly remind those whose expectations are high that they should not expect to find the world made to order for their convenience, but yet such admonition should go long as ballast to bounding hopes. Fortitude may not be the result of direct teaching, but that quality is, as a rule, the product of the schools—to suffer if need be and be strong.

Suffering, of course, is not the expected; but it is the incident. It is wisdom to prepare for it along with the preparation for the realization of the hopes.

That man is the architect of his own fate, at first sounds like a platitude, but after all it is even so. It does rest largely with the individual whether his route shall lie in pleasant places or be attended with pain. The well equipped man, white or black, will have but little to dread of untoward forces and circumstances if the life is directed aright. If the heart is in the right place and everything else being equal, besetments can only be temporarily.

Naturally enough the world is deeply touched in witnessing the commencement day exercises, feeling and knowing that a sealed future immediately awaits those whose souls are now so borne up out of the occasion. On the morrow, when the calm sets in, is what the world has in mind. But these new lives issuing out into the great theatre of affairs in the language of Bulwer Lytton, can carve out empires for themselves which the praises of men cannot widen nor can their condemnation make less. If they are conscious of their own strength, ambitious within proper bounds, dauntless but not defiant and respectable withal, and the world must concede them a place.

All labor is honorable; some kinds are more desirable than others. If the schools teach a contrary doctrine, especially as it applies to the Negro race, which is limited in its lines of endeavor, they are sowing the seeds to the winds, and from which the race must in the end reap the logical whirlwind.

There are some moral principles that education implies and which, if unheeded, education fails in its mission. Congenial employment will not always be at hand, but when it fails any other should be a ready substitute. Sweat it out rather than live on any man's bounty, if the physical condition permits. Go unfed, hungry rather than eat a crumb gained by the throw of the dice—sup off of no man's woes, drink of no man's sorrow. There can come no kind of deprivation that requires the surrendering of those principles. Though clad in rags they are far better than fabrics from the looms of India if these be purchased with a life of shame. Sacrifice not your brother unjustly though want sits enthroned. Love life, all life—the flowery kingdom—the animal creation, love the great God who made and gave them all, and thus not rob the conscience of its true function—its monitorial designs, by pollution or perversion.

If these notions are kept well in mind, not only will the individual be happy and prosperous, but considering it from a racial standpoint, such individual will be the true race builders and those on whom we must rely to give it its moral tone, its intellectual status and its industrial trend, all of which have for an end a better understanding between the races.

HON. GEORGE H. WHITE,

While naturally enough we are for ex-Congressman White, but it should be borne in mind that there ought not to be too much letting down in securing a political office after having served in such high capacity. The race is concerned and many of us would prefer to remain humble rather than be exalted at a certain kind of expense. We hope to see quality in kind in those who have something to stand for. Our last Congressman should not put forward too much effort to secure an appointment. His services are known; he is known.—Indianapolis Freeman.

What does the Freeman mean? In the first place it declares it is naturally in favor of Mr. White, and then advises him not to put forward too much effort to secure an appointment. And what are we to understand by "quality in kind?" Does the Freeman mean that the quality of Hon. George H. White's ability or statesmanship is not equal to the place he aspires to? While President McKinley is taking care of so many "ex's"—among them ex-Senator Tom Carter, who talked the River and Harbor bill to death—why not take care of ex-Congressman White by appointing him to the position he asks for. Mr. White knows what he wants, and has probably placed a correct estimate on his merits and ability.

And then the Freeman talks learnedly of remaining humble at a certain kind of expense. Would it be exalting the race to refuse Mr. White the $4,000 auditorship he asks for, and insist upon him accepting the $2,500 deputy auditorship he does not want? We think not, and if we were "naturally" for White we would try to help him reach his aim.—The Indianapolis World.

We will not believe that the World does not understand what we meant. We are for Mr. White because he wants to be placed, and because there is no reason why he should not be placed. He has had an honorable career as a member of Congress, which at once testifies as to his standing in his own State. We believe, as he says, that he is respected by the entire race, and that it would be pleased to see him enjoying the position he seeks.

But, because of those very things, his former position, his attitude in his State, the respect for him generally, that he should not go quite so far, nor put forward the same efforts as individuals who have nothing but energy as their hope of success.

Mr. White has stood as the representative of the people of South Carolina; and peculiarly the representative of the Negroes of the country in the halls of Congress. The position more than the man is concerned. The man is honored by the place he holds. The position should not suffer through the acts of the individual. With all respect in the world to the ex-Congressman we feel safe in saying that the people will expect that he conduct his campaign along those lines usually employed by Congressmen, and not like an unknown man who depends upon superabundant political activities. In short, it is a question of propriety only.

Mr. White is fully competent and worthy and should succeed. We trust that this explanation of our position will not jeopardize Mr. White's chances of success.

The question does not reduce itself to what he wants, nor whether it would be exalting to do this or the other. Let it be for $4,000 or for $2,000, the more the merrier. But it is whether Mr. White, standing for so much more than other Congressmen, with his double dutied representation, can afford to be active in a campaign for place.

The Indianapolis World has our hearty thanks for its very kind words concerning Wm. M. Lewis, who contributes to this paper. We take this opportunity to say that the World is being edited with unusual force and vigor at this time. It is commanding and demanding attention through its utterances.

THE CHRIST.

He was the world's peer when it came to the stretch of his intellect—astonishing and confounding the wise men of his day. But his heart was not there; his mission was with the poor, the humble and the despised. To these he unpent himself, demonstrating his Godlike and ultra-humane attributes; bringing vision to the blinded eyes, drying up the hot tears of grief of those whose eyes stood as perpetual founts filled to the brims, ready to gush as a geyser at any little act of kindness or consideration, but congealed as the Red Sea walls that spent their fury on Pharoh and his hosts at the cruel behest and unseemly acts of mankind. His soothing voice and calm, the assuring smile—the benediction—calling back alienated sleep, banished by the cruel decrees of accumulated wrongs. To have seen Him! Yet he says, "If with all your heart ye surely seek me ye shall ever surely find me."

Judging from what the Palladium of St. Louis, Mo., says there has been no one named as the head of the Negro department of the St. Louis Exposition. It says: "We will not mention any names for the place until we hear what the Negro press has to say. Let us hear from the men that mould sentiments. This will be the greatest epoch in the Negroes' history. Let us hear from some of our best, brainiest and christian gentlemen in the land. Will some of the other papers speak on this subject?" The important position will not go a begging for the lack of able Negroes, fully competent in all respects to fill it. The duration of the commission for such a position will have something to do with the eagerness to accept it. Competent men, well employed, would hesitate quite a while before they would consent to serve where the duties are new and the term of office short. But, notwithstanding the limitations, there are yet many competent men who can afford to accept the position, relying on their general usefulness to enter congenial fields of labor at the expiration of the term of office.

The Alabama Constitutional Convention has one duty well in mind and in hand. It is very clearly defined, that Negro vote is to be eliminated or largely curtailed. There is one redeeming feature about the business, and that is, that the Southern white men have become conscience stricken, revolting at the idea of perpetual intimidation and political debauchery in order to heap up majorities. What they now do has the semblance of legality regardless of its hard exactions as it concerns the Negro voters. It is a gain. This awakening process may not be arrested here. By and by this offense, when the laws are so strained as to operate unequally, will pall on the enlightening consciences and there will be another day of recantation. This is a philosophical way of looking at the question. It may be fallacious—foolish, but it is as good a peg on which to hang hopes as is now afforded by the know conditions.

The constitution is plain. Disfranchisements are permissable. The penalty is reduction of representation. The peculiar situation was not anticipated when that institution was framed; no racial conflict was borne in mind and hence this unwillingness to act now from the premises of the then. The Southern states are acting within their prerogatives; it is up to the Federal Congress to take care of its end of the business.

The Freeman does not advocate the reduction of representation as has been said. It has contended that it savored too much of governmental sanction of disfranchisements. The thoughtful will not fail to see it in some such light. Not only that, the country is not prepared to settle the question in that way. It is just as well to speak to the face of affairs. We know why the country is not prepared—all know. It is a very good question to let alone for awhile.

The pupils of school No. 24 listened to a very delightful talk on birds by Prof. McAvoy Monday morning.

The speaker with his well modulated voice, his fund of anecdotes, his wit, his humor held his audience made up largely of little tots, spell bound. They saw bird life as they had never seen it. Many who felt that birds were made expressly for targets were made to know that they are a part of His plan in serving mankind not only administering to man, cheer in song, but actually serving him in his toil for his daily bread by preserving his fields against their many foes.

The speaker spoke briefly on loyalty; loyalty to the school, to the community; to the state and to the nation.

The professor will long be remembered because of his earnest plea for those creatures which to many were not of every passing note.

The teacher and pupil expressed themselves as being highly entertained.

Mr. Hugh H. Hanna one of this city's most substantial business men has been elected as one of the trustees of Tuskegee, Booker T. Washington's now famous school.

It is said that Mr. Hanna has for years been interested in Negro education. We are certainly pleased to know that he has seen fit to become so prominently identified with that great school, thus proving an increasing interest in the education phase of the race generally. The institution is to be congratulated on securing his valuable friendship.

Information comes that Bishop W. B. Derrick has suspended Rev. H. C. C. Astwood for conduct unbecoming a minister and for opposing the demands of the Bishop. He has been stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y., having in charge one of the largest churches of the A. M. E. Connection. Rev. Astwood has been very prominent as a politician. He was for seven years Consul to Santo Domingo. President Cleveland appointed him Consul to Calais, France, but his confirmation was opposed by the Senate. We believe he has affiliated with both of the great political parties.

The attitude of the Recorder of this city will be watched with considerable interest in the future. It has been arraigning the Republican party for its alleged short comings in the past and its present indifference to the claims of party workers and the Negro voters generally. It insists that there must be a change or it will know the reason why.

PADUCAH HAPPENINGS

Interesting Jottings From that Thriving Kentucky City

Paducah, Ky., Special.—Mrs. Bunk Hays, of Mayfield, Ky., was the guest of Mrs. Ellen Hays last week. Miss Etta Vance, of Mayfield, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah McKnight all last week, attending the carnival. You should respect services when in church. Mrs. Ben Grundy of West Court street, is indisposed. There was a delightful time spent by a crowd of young people last Sunday evening at Ashford's cafe, 8th and Boyd streets. Read The Freeman for all the latest news, price 5c at cafes. The orders of the U. B. F. and S. M. T., had their annual sermon preached at Washington Street Baptist church last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Howard conducting the affair. A large crowd visited the basket meeting and baptizing at Pleasant Grove last Sunday. Clem Thomas, who has been ill for quite awhile, is traveling for his health, and will be gone several months. You can find it in The Freeman for 5c on Market. Mrs. Amanda Davis is visiting in Paris, Tenn. Mrs. Edna Street, of Mayfield, Ky., was the guest of Mrs. Mollie Nicholas, of South 7th street last week. George Bibbs, of Smith & Scott's Mfg. Co., was painfully hurt Wednesday 8 inst. by a press striking him above the eye. James Simpson, of Fulton, Ky., was in the city last week and ordered The Freeman sent to him at once. Charlie Glass was the guest of Alvin Logan last week. Misses C. S., L. M. and M. L. C. were prime favorites with the Cairo waiters who came up to serve the Palmer House during the carnival last week. Mrs. Allie Massie, of St. Louis, Mo., is the charming guest of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker, of Washington street. John Sims, of Indianapolis, is back in the city again. Mrs. Jas. Grubbs, of this county, is much improved. It has been said by some of the white people that the carnival and street fair got a very small amount of money from the Negroes in Paducah; I was glad when I heard it. Mrs. Lizzie Marshall departed this life last Friday, the 17th; funeral from Washington Street Baptist church Saturday afternoon, burial in Oak Grove. Mrs. Amanda Slaton, of Unionsville, Ill., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Nannie Givens, of South 7th street, during the carnival last week. Miss Mary Collins, of Union City, was the guest of Mrs. Ella Rodgers, of South 7th street, carnival week. Please pay me for your paper as I call. I owe the press and can't pay them unless you pay me. The paper is well worth the money; David Pitman, agent. Many were the colored visitors here last week to witness the Elks' Carnival. John Carr is much better, having had an attack of la grippe. Mrs. Thomas Overby, of Union City, Tenn., was the pleasant guest of her son James and family during the carnival. Llewellyn is hitting the "grit" with the little horse and buggy. Miss Lelia Eaker, of Mayfield, Ky., is to reside in this city soon. Mr. Plummer was up from Cairo last week much to the delight of Miss H—ll' E. Grundy was initiated in the Red Cross and Knight Templar degrees of Masonry on night of 21 inst. Mrs. Francis Lewis did a rushing business with her restaurant during the carnival.

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Vicksburg, Miss., Special.—Miss Geraldine Marshall and Miss Lara Mohan arrived home from Jackson, Miss., Thursday eve., May 16. Miss Sarah E. Marshall and Miss Albirdia Barnes, witnessed the closing of Jackson College for this season; they attended school there last season. C. Leonard Buckner is all smiles. Read The Freeman and keep posted with the latest news; 5 cents per copy, terms cash. Among the distinguished visitors that passed through the city last week were Rt. Rev. Evans Tyree, D. D., M. D., of Nashville, Tenn., Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., and J. W. Lampton, of Lake Providence, La. Bishop Tyree preached Sunday, May 13 at Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. J. H. C. Henry, pastor of King Solomon M. B. church, arrived from Natchez, Miss., May 16, after ten days' vacation; he is looking the picture of health. Taylor and Robins again extend invitations to their many friends to call; they have ice, pop and charcoal for sale at reasonable prices, 3rd N. and Jackson street. If you want to know what the Negro is doing, read The Freeman, the leading race journal, on sale every Saturday morning. A quiet home wedding took place here last week, the contracting parties being Miss Lilly Nelson and Eugene Cullins. The Freeman joins their many friends in extending its best wishes for a long and happy life. Fred. Buckner, an old and reliable hackman for Bazinsky Bros., is out again after a short illness. Club No. 1 gave a conundrum party at State G. A. R. Hall Monday night, May 13, for the benefit of the Jackson Street M. B. church; it was a success. John Robins, of the firm of Taylor & Robins, is on the sick list. Subscribe at once for The Freeman. E. E. Perkins, of Edwards, Miss., grand secretary of the Masons for this state, made a flying trip to the city May 17 on important business, returning same day. Isaac Fisher, an old Vicksburg boy and Northern representative of Booker T. Washington's famous school, will speak at the Court House on Friday, May 24, at 8 p. m., on "The White South's Opportunity and the Negro's New Duties." His Honor, Mayor Trowbridge, will also address the meeting. Lookout for The Freeman, boys, 5 cents per copy; come early and avoid the rush; Orange U. Taylor, agent. J. Porterfield and C. R., are making fires all the time. Louie Slaughter, who has been on the sick list for several days, is improving.

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THE QUEEN OF HAYTI.

Harry McClain, of Harrison Bros.' minstrels paid The Freeman office a pleasant visit Monday.

The Mobile minstrels opened their tenting season May 13, with John W. Dennis as stage manager.

The Queen City Quartette are playing dates at Chattanooga, Tenn. They send regards to managers and friends.

Chas. R. Parker, of Rusco & Holland's minstrels, sends regards to Lloyd Cooper, the Housley Bros. and the Byron family.

Prince Oskazuma, the African warrior and lecturer, now with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, was a Freeman caller Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Spaulding joined the Harrison Bros.' minstrels at Connersville, Ind., Thursday, as singer and dancer. She is going big.

"In Jolo" was recently copyrighted by the author, Alex Rogers, who wrote the book and lyrics. It was set to music by Jas. J. Vaughan.

Mrs. Pearl Owens, the widow of the late Philip Ownes, who died April 10, 1901, was married to J. Wise May 20 at Washington, N. C.

Chas. A. Burton, interlocutor and trombonist with Allen's minstrels, was married to Miss Emma Reaves, of San Antonio, Tex., May 6.

Tutt and Tutt, A. L. and Edith, the electric seals, after a successful season with Slayton's Jubilee singers, are resting at their home in Chicago.

The Great McKanlass is handling the colored concert in the arena of Pawnee Bill's Wild West show. The concert is given exclusively by colored performers.

McKissic and Jones, the knockabout comedians are hitting them heavy with Rusco & Holland's big Minstrel Festival. They send regards to all friends.

Master Blaine Bly who was forced to leave the Gideon minstrels on account of a slight attack of small pox at Memphis, Tenn., is well again, and will rejoin the company soon.

Ollie Brown, the phenomenal wire walker, closed with Rusco & Holland's minstrels May 18. He is engaged as a special feature at the Pan-American exposition the balance of season; he sends regards to friends.

The genial Robert Mallory, of Dayton, O., was in the city Sunday and added many new friends to his list. The Col. is one of the Gem City's substantial business men, and takes an active part in Ohio politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan. E Washington have closed with Harrison Bros.' show and are in Indianapolis probably for the summer. Mr. Washington was stage manager and his wife leading lady of the show, and their closing occasioned much regret by the Messrs. Harrison Bros.

Cooper Americas, only colored ventriloquist, joined Rusco & Holland's minstrels May 8 at LaPlata, Mo. His act with 4 automatic figures is making good everywhere. He sends regards to Jerry Mills, Clarence Powell and all other black Thespians.

Col. Hugh Harrison, of the famous Harrison Bros.' "New and Ancient South" Co., was an agreeable guest of The Freeman Thursday. The Colonel is well pleased with his show, which has enjoyed a prosperous season, and smiles most radiantly when he speaks of the generosity they received from the people at Henderson, Ky., his home.

A few more professional copies of "A Coon with the Raglan Craze" on sale by E. C. Knox & Co., music publishers, 310 N. Capitol ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Price 12c.

P. G. Lowery writes from Brooklyn, N. Y., that his vaudeville show and band are meeting with great favor and are rendering some fine music. The company numbers 22 people, including a band of 14 pieces, male quartette and female quartette. This is Prof. Lowery's third season with the Forepaugh-Sells Bros.' circus and success is assured for his company. Will publish roster later. He sends regards to all.

John Rucker, 'Alabama Blossom," will appear as star comedian with Black Patti's Troubadours season of 1901-2. While with Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival the past two seasons Mr. Rucker has gained an enviable reputation. He is now enjoying vacation at his home in St. Louis, 2906 Laclede ave. Prince Oskazuma was a guest of Mr. Rucker's while Buffalo Bill's Wild West was in St. Louis, week of 13. John sends regards to the profession.

Harry Simmons writes from Cairo, Ill.—My ad. in your valuable paper brought about the desired effect, and I think this paper should reach the household of every family. I received several replies from my ad. and my show is almost ready for the road, traveling in my own special car, with a uniform band, William Hopkins, bandmaster, H. H. Eichenburger, treasurer. Will mention roster later. Regards to Billy Miller, Gene Clark, George Moore, Perry Black, W. A. Seymour, John Coyer and The Freeman force. Wm. Hopkins is well and sends regards to Prof. McCameron and friends.

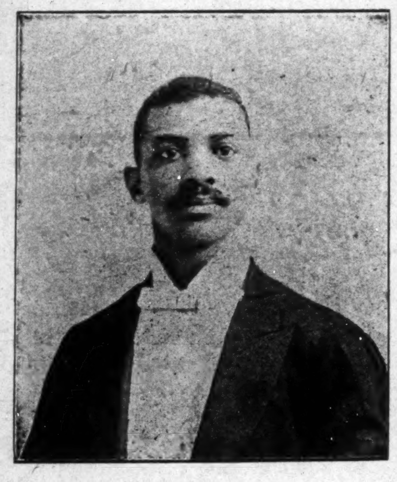
THE QUEEN OF HAYTI.

Sells & Gray's united shows are doing a fine business through the South. At Nashville, Tenn., May 13, a ring bank business is reported, each act was loudly applauded. Miss Edna, the only forward and backward sommersault rider, the Earl Sisters in their aerial act, and the world's famous Eddy family are some of the principal performers. Prof. C. E. Carl, with 22 first-class musicians, is getting a big hand; he is handling the swellest selections and latest marches. The annex department, under Prof. Hugo's management, with Prof. Wolfscale's band, jubilee singers, 25 curiosities and freaks and Prince Mingo, the Zulu chief, is also doing well. Best wishes sent to all troupes. Dyson and Hutchens, trombone section of the colored band, send regards to Gibb's Onward Concert Band, Yazoo City, Miss.

Notes from the Buckingham Theatre, Tampa, Fla.—Business is good; we have a first-class show with the following up-to-date performers: Cissel and Mines, Chink Floyd, Arthur Howe, F. Regis, George McDaniels, Miss Trixie Ford, the great "hoochie-coochie" dancer, Miss Lillie Wheller, Miss Mae Fisher, and little "Bumpty." D. Ireland Thomas went to New Orleans last week on a 30-day vacation; and during his absence our Pat Chappelle is managing the concert department. Mr. Chappelle is a very busy man at present arranging everything for the famous Chappelle Bros.' base ball club, which tour the Southern states this summer; he is receiving letters from some crack colored base ball players. The ghost walks around every Wednesday without fail, and everything is running nicely; we also have received a new piano. Mr. Chappelle will be pleased to hear from good musicians, performers and ball players at all times, as he can always put them to work both summer and winter.

Tom Jefferson sends regards to friends.

GREATER NEW YORK.—Thomas Brown's "Black Rat" company will open their season at Holyoke, Mass., on the 27 inst. Chas. Taylor, singing and dancing comedian, left with P. G. Lowery's vaudeville company, with Forepaugh & Sells Bros.' circus. Furber and Davis, the "Black Cyclones," late members of Rusco and Holland's big Minstrel Festival are in town for the summer. Yeager, Kelly and Yeager have returned to the city after a successful Western engagement. Chas. H. Moore has about 50 colored people on at the New York Thertre in an animated song sheet production. Many members of the Williams & Walker company are in town for the summer. Harry Harmon, late member of the big company of colored people engaged in the W. A. Brady production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died very suddenly in his room on 63rd street May. 8. His remains were shipped to his parents at Atlantic City, N. J., for burial. John Jones, Chas Wesley, Chauncey VerValin. Geo. Reese, Bonny Johnson, Lulu Brown, Mme. Pauline Dempey DeGrettis, Willie Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson were prominent members of Chauncey Jacob's big company that appeared in Bridgeport, Conn., Monday night.



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THE QUEEN OF HAYTI.

BOSTON.—Williams & Walker did not do so well here this time but had a great show. Al. and Mamie Anderson have arrived and are looking fine. Clarence Powell is still in the city and thinks he is the main cheese in the office He is writing some nice songs for next season. Cooper and Bailey goes with the Hunn & Eaton Troubadours for the summer. James W. DeCosta, our corresponding secretary, is kept very busy, as we have so much mail to answer. There was a grand benefit concert and ball tendered Miss Mamie Emerson Tuesday, May 21, at Union Park Hall, by the Hunn & Eaton Vaudeville Exchange. Among the participants furnished by the Exchange were: Alabama Comedy Four. Drake and Gordon, Cooper and Bailey, the King Sisters, Clarence Powell, Rosa Johnson, J. W. DeCosta, the Turners, Ladies' Mozart Quartette. Smith and Powell, Boston's Original Rastus, Al and Mamie Anderson, Jones and Buck. The following volunteered their services from the Williams & Walker Co: Williams & Walker, Golden Gate Quartette, Puggsley Sisters, Reese Bros. and Douglass, Alice Mackay, George W. Pickett, Annie Cooke, George Catlin, Winfred and Davis, Charles Hart, Will H. Day, Freeman Sisters. Prof. Will H. Day, musical director; George Horton, treasurer for Miss Emerson. After the performance dancing begun, which lasted until 4 o'clock a. m. It was a grand affair. We are putting on a show at the Gaiety Theatre here for two weeks, beginning May 27, entitled The Hunn & Eaton's "Ragtime Cadets," headed by James and Louise Turner. Our big show opens at Austin & Stone's June 10 for two weeks. Ben Hunn is back to the city again. The Golden Gate Quartette, G. W. Pickett and the Freeman Sisters are booked at Austin & Stone's for May 27. The "Female Drummer" Quartette are at the Music Hall this week.—HARRY EATON.

THE QUEEN OF HAYTI.

CHICAGO.—The Thomases, Will and Lulu, are with us again. Julius Glenn's smiling countenance once more graces State street and the various professional rendezvouses. At the vaudeville entertainment at Elite Hall Friday evening, Miss Nettie Goff carried off first honors for public approval, with Miss Clara Thornton and Norton and Norton a close second. Misses Bessie Gilliam and Nettie Lewis departed Thursday for a vaudeville date at Memphis, Tenn. Popular John Vaughner has an option on a splendid engagement for next season. Ace Brooks joins P. G. Lowery next week. "Pas" Arnold and Bobbie Kemp played return dates on Dearborn street last week. Richard and Pringle's minstrels played the Academy Sunday and a number of Raglans were in evidence in consequence thereof. Henry Powers, Apus, goes with Maharra next season. The Little Magnet is a pronounced hit at Jennings' vaudeville house. King Proctor is here. "Frosty" Moore goes to Janesville, Wis., next week. The topic of the day is: "Where is George Moxley?" Palm Carrol does a great old man turn. Billy Williams is at The Vaudeville. Leroy Bland opened at The Trocadero Sunday. James Love has the exclusive booking for Memphis, Little Rock and Cairo.—Father Henderson Smith entertained the minstrel boys Sunday. Laurence Deas and Blondi Robinson have joined hands in a vaudeville act. The Nortons are at Piper's Olympic. Charles and Nellie Small and Al. and Mamie Holman are welcome visitors among us. Dick Weston with his expansive smile and hearty "mit," was with us a couple of days last week. Bob Perry is in Kansas City, as is also C. C. Fairbanks. Smart and Williams are in St. Paul this week. Christian and Thomas strengthened Richards & Pringle's show at the Academy Sunday. Ed. Tolliver was here Sunday and somehow his monologue "failed to catch on" at the Academy. Luke Pulley is directing rehearsals for a revival of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at the Auditorium. Bobby Kemp wants a lady partner for next season. Caldwell and Henry are at a down town theatre. Phonney Welch is in town. Tom Logan is at 2924 Calumet ave., and sends regards to every body. Lawrence Chenault has returned from Cincinnati.

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side business ventures. His sterling manhood has not been deteriorated by the temptations to indulge in the riotous excesses characteristic of the thoughtless element who mistake effeminate usefulness to be the open sesame to "society." There is scarcely a public interest that the hand of Mr. Pelham has not touched. No sacrifice of time or effort is too great for him, if he is convinced that he can render a service for the general good. The number of men who come here to enter the departments and who managed to be heard of six months after their "interment," are comparatively few, and the man who keeps himself alive and up-to-date here, must of necessity be possessed of unusual intellectual, moral and social gifts. Of all the grand galaxy of characterful young lights that have appeared upon the local scene from the West and South, none shine with brighter or more steady splendor than Robert Pelham Jr., of Michigan. His stay may be brief or permanent as he elects. He may accept a desirable berth elsewhere, or should the law provide for a permanent Census Bureau, he may conclude to remain.

Mr. Pelham's appearances upon the rostrum at the several literaries has drawn out large audiences of Washington's best people, and his address, to which The Freeman has so happily referred has been regarded as a masterpiece of our resources in the great and growing West. It is pleasing to note that it is to be preserved in a durable form through the Zion Quarterly. Prof. Kelly Miller has done all of us a service in accidentally inspiring the article, Mr. Pelham followed up the good work in gathering and combining the valuable material, and after President W. C. Martin and your correspondent had supplemented the energies of both by giving the paper a wide hearing upon the platforms of their literary bodies, Editor Dancy places the finished product in the archives of the magazine world, to delight the thousands everywhere. Mr. Pelham addressed the Academy of Social Science not long ago on the same subject, and in the presence of the finest aggregation of scholars and scientists that the country can bring together, he scored a pronounced hit, and was warmly congratulated upon his able and comprehensive presentation of the progress and possibilities of the wealth-producing Eldorado of America.

The growth of Mr. Pelham in popular esteem does not overshadow that of Mrs. Pelham, who was once Miss Gabrielle Lewis, of Ohio and Adrian, Mich. A lady of rare social graces, gifted with unusual personal beauty, charming geniality of manner, highly accomplished in music, magnificent address in speech delineating the spirit of her instrumental selections, Mrs. Pelham has captivated polite Washington, and has deservedly won a warm place in the affections of the most exacting municipality in the entire land.

Here's luck to the Pelhams! Long may they wave!

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At last the new pastor for Metropolitan A. M. E. church has been named, and he is now installed in the pulpit of Methodism's greatest national church. His selection is something of a surprise, but he is equal to the emergency, and will succeed. He is Rev. Daniel G. Hill, a graduate of Lincoln University, and lately presiding elder of Eastern shore district of Maryland. His sermons last Sunday were models of pulpit oratory and Scriptural logic, and made a most favorable impression upon the many critics who turned out in force to pass judgment upon his abilities. In comparison with departed Johnson, he shines in ministerial majesty and true Christian magnetism like unto an electric light beside a tallow-dip. The regret at the passing of J. Albert Johnson (some time John A. Johnson), is confined to a little coterie of fetich worshippers, to whom his high-sounding garrulity and pompous periods seemed to be the deliverance of an inspired being. Such, however, are to be found in all churches, and mountebanks who possess the happy knack of playing to the galleries can generally count on holding their jobs through the wild acclaim of the element which is satisfied to accept the glitter as the simon-pure gold. The wise, who have studied the bigoted methods of J. Albert Johnson part with him with a quiet sense of relief and turn to the eloquent and high-minded Dr. Hill with a cheerful smile of welcome. Under the new dispensation, there is no reason why the spiritual welfare and the financial interests of the great church may not go forward with renewed momentum.

Speaking of the element which resents the taking away of its idol, reminds me of a statement made to me the other day by a gentleman close to the politics of the Metropolitan church, which suggests that the Johnsonites are not going to rest over the departure of their well-fed shepherd. Said this informant (and his name is withheld at his personal request):

"There is a little scheme on foot. I am surprised that you have not heard it, as it is whispered about pretty generally in Methodist circles. You see the law of the church is that a pastor cannot serve at any one station longer than five years continuously. Johnson's time was out, and despite his wish to have Bishop Lee make an exception in his case for divers reasons, he had to go. He likes Washington and the name of having charge of a great church, which he hopes eventually to earn him a place as a general officer, and finally land him high and dry on the Bishops' bench. It is said that he will be a candidate before the next quadrennial conference for financial secretary, it being assumed that Dr. Hubbard will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bishop Moore. The sending of Johnson to nearby Baltimore, to a third-rate station like St. John is said to be a part of a deep-laid plan, and will work this way, if the wishes of the combine carry: Johnson is to remain at St. John possibly one year—maybe less. Circumstances will govern that. Then, under some pretext, Dr. Hill will be provided for handsomely elsewhere, and Johnson is to be sent back here for another five years. Thus the law will be respected—a hiatus having been created,—and the followers of the rhetorical wizzard will be as happy as a boy with his first pair of long trousers. You can give this out for what it is worth, and even if it isn't true, it makes a pretty story, and a denial is up to the Johnsonites. Just what the antis will do to checkmate the alleged scheme, is a problem for the future. As far as I am concerned, Dr. Hill suits me and will have my undivided support, and I believe 90 per cent. of the church will be against the rumored proposition."

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The annual election of officers of the Pen and Pencil Club resulted as follows: President, L. M. Hershaw; first vice-president, R. W. Thompson; second vice-president, W. T. Menard; Recording secretary, R. C. M. Simmons; corresponding secretary, Robert Pelham, Jr., treasurer, H. P. Slaughter; Board of Governors, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Samuel E. Lacy, W. L. Houston, Arthur S. Gray and A. L. Manly. The election was as exciting as a ward primary, and while some of the contests were bitter at the time and cry of "slate" was loud and long, the result is satisfactory to all, and the officers are regarded as typifying the best the race has in the world of writers and correspondents generally.

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A striking incident occurred at the recent reception to Booker T. Washington at Spartanburg, S. C., which may not have reached the notice of the general public. It will be remembered that Dr. Carlisle, the president of Wofford College, one of the most famous of the Southern educational institutions, presided at the meeting and introducing Mr. Washington, Dr. Carlisle hastily spoke up and replied that he would be especially pleased to have that honor, and that he considered it an honor to live in the same age with Booker T. Washington. This incident is significant, and gives rise to a hope that after all there is quite a contingent of white men in the South who are alive to the Negro's better qualities, and who are getting their eyes open to the truth. The compliment was not paid unworthily, and the Negro people cannot but feel grateful to Dr. Carlisle for his breadth of mind and soulful generosity.

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Recorder H. P. Cheatham was tendered a delightful banquet a few evenings ago by the bar of the District of Columbia as a testimonial of their appreciation of his national leadership and valued services to the race. A toothsome menu was served, after which many eloquent and instructive speeches were delivered. Lawyer Thomas L. Jones acquitted himself well as toastmaster. Mr. Cheatham's address was an appeal to the common sense of the masses of the Negro people. It preached calmness in our trying crisis, and pointed out that only by cool-headed, skillful methods could we pass successfully through our present ordeal. Passion, reprisal, jeremiads, idle complaint, predisposition to fret and quarrel never did solve any nation's difficulties, and they won't help. He objected to the incendiary utterances of some so-called leaders, and hoped that the counsel of the conservative, manly and far-sighted advisers would be adopted. The Negro must suit his theories to the situation, for we have found that the situation will not accommodate itself to our theories. It is his belief that the future political power of the black man must be built upon a foundation of industry in the shop and on the farm. Our energies must be directed toward the accumulation of wealth, education and character. The solution will be slow, but it will be sure, when backed by these invincible forces. Mr. Cheatham is one of the most attractive figures in public life to-day, and his popularity increases as the masses know him better. It is a fortunate circumstance that his services have been secured by the Washington High School to deliver the annual commencement address next month. An intellectual treat is in store. It has now been discovered by most everybody that Mr. Cheatham will record the deeds of the District of Columbia during the second term of William McKinley.

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Interesting Notes.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—There will be an entertainment entitled the decoration Thursday May 30, at Odd Fellows hall consisting of a drama and Oriental Carnival under the auspices of Wayman A. M. E. church. The committee requests the patronage of al friends. Miss Josephine Masston, of Parkersburg, is a guest of Mrs. Wilson Davis, prior to her leaving for Chautauqua Lake, N. Y., in company with Miss Sallie Jones. Mrs. Jones and daughter Jeanette, of Parkersburg, were Sunday guests of her daughter Mrs. Jesse Dixon. The lady members of Simpson M. E. church have organized themselves into different circles for the collections of funds to reduce church debt, they desire your aid. A fine programme was listened to at the sacred concert at Waymans A. M. E church arranged by choirister C. O. Johns. Mr. James Madison a Sunday visitor here from Parkersburg received a serious accident while standing on O. R. depot caused by an unknown drunken man, he was taken in charge by his friends. Mrs. Robt Mason gave a successful social at her residence the 6th inst. The many friends of Mr. Wm Brent will be grieved to learn of his death at Cumberland the 7th of April. Mr. Samuel Rice is somewhat improved, which will be news to his friends. Tell your friends what a good paper The Freeman is. The paper alone speaks for itself The Wheeling Cornet Band will give a literary and social entertainment at Odd Fellows hall the 13th, success to you boys.

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Toothpicks, large box, contains 2,000 picks, hardwood, 5c size, box....................	.3	All-wool Dress Goods, cheviot suitings and checks, values up to 40c yard, to close this lot, choice yd...	.15
All-silk Ribbon, moire with picot edge, all colors, good width; this lot, yard....................	.3½	Boys' school Suits, extra well made, material alone would cost more, suit....................	.98
Towels—Heavy cotton Towels, 27x15, none sold to dealers at this price, each....................	.3	Boys' school Pants, assorted sizes, mixed cheviot effect; think of such a low price, pair....................	.19
Percales, new styles, bookfold standard cloth, yard....	.6½	Boys' Percale Waists, new spring styles, all sizes; this lot at less than cost of material; each....................	.19
Bleached Damask, full width, choice patterns, new lot, yard....................	.22	Ladies' Muslin Drawers, deep hem, well made, pair....................	.14
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Floor Mops, extra well made, 10 oz., each....................	.18	Spool Silk, warranted 50-yard spools, all colors and black spool....................	.2
Bleached Linen Napkins, extra large, 21x21, half dozen for....................	.39	Drapery, beautiful tinsel effects, also lot of 30-inch silkoline, yard....................	.5
Table Linen, factory ends, $1.00 values, go at	.59	Feather Sofa Pillows, fine Lonsdale cambric covers, well filled, each....................	.25
75c values go at....................	.49	Shirt Waist Madras, big lot of mill remnants, corded effects, 15c grades; this lot, yard....................	.10
65c values go at, yard....................	.39	American Zephyr Ginghams, all this season's choice styles, fine, soft finish, yard....................	.7½
200-yard Spool Cotton, spool....................	.1		
Pearl Buttons, two big lots, two and four-hole buttons, pure snow-white pearl, 15c and 19c values, choice, dozen....................	.5		
All 20c Candies, Saturday only, pound....................	.10		

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Elastic, solid weave, plain black, yard....................	.1	Ammonia, the well known Miles French ammonia, extra large bottle, each....................	.3
Lonsdale Muslin, also lot of Fitchville, Hope, etc., every remnant has the original mill stamp on it, yard....................	.5½	Gingham Aprons, 36 inches long and full yard wide, made of Lancaster ginghams, each....................	.10
Toilet Paper, a regular 5c roll, perforated, limit of five to a customer....................	.2	Bleached Damask Toweling, 17 inches wide, all white, without border, can be used for napkins, yard	.3½
Towels, full bleached and fringed, heavy weight, actual size 29x14, each....................	.3	All-silk Ribbon, satin with picot edge, all colors, just the thing for fancy work and hair ribbon, yard..........	.2
House Brooms, extra weight, union made, the best ever sold at this price, each....................	.15	Wash Cloths, full bleached, good size double weight, fast edge, each....................	.1

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SPORT

Edited By

BREAKAWAY.

One of the hardest fought battles ever seen at Hot Springs took place last week between Al Weinig, the ex-bicycle rider, and Jim Scanlon. It was a slugging match from the start to the end of the seventh round, when the referee declared Weinig the winner.

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MAJOR TAYLOR BEATEN.

In the bicycle match for the world's championship last week in Paris, France, between Major Taylor, colored, and Jacquelin, the Frenchman, the latter won. Three races had been arranged. The first, 133 meters, was won by Jacquelin by a wheel. The second, one kilometer, was won easily by Jacquelin. The third, 2,000 meters, was therefore unnecessary.

One of the biggest crowds ever gathered at a French cycling contest was present. There was no attempt to make fast time. Three parts of each race were done at little better than a walking pace, with a final rush home of about 300 yards. The weather was very unfavorable and went against the Major.

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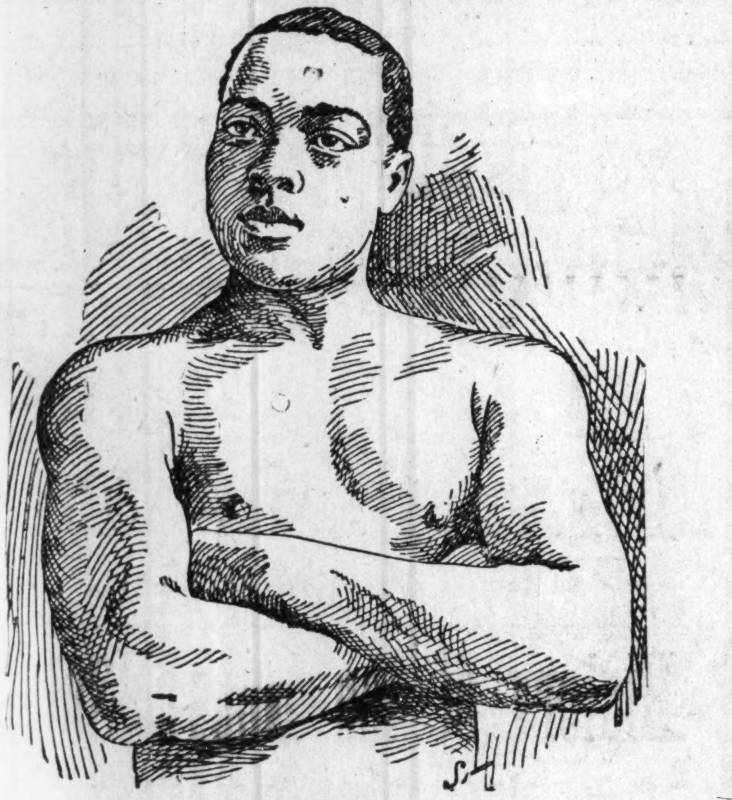
Mr. James Watts, the pugilist, is in Indianapolis, and will make the city his home, probably permanent. He comes from the South, where he has spent several months, and during which time has met and put to sleep some of the best men of the torrid climate. Jim was on his way to Alexandria, Ind., a few mornings ago, to arrange for a glove contest to take in that city, and dropped in The Freeman office for a short chat with Breakaway. In the course of his remarks he said:

"Breakaway, I have fought ninety-six battles in my time, and out of that I have lost ten, nine were draws and the remaining seventy-six are added to my credit as victims. I am in good health and splendid condition and will fight four more times—making a hundred battles in all—after which I will retire from the ring forever. I will conduct a boxing school here in the future."

Mr. Watts has won from such men as Charley Goff, Tom Lansing and Jim Haney; he drew with Joe Walcott, and was robbed of a decision over Australian Jimmy Ryan. His best fighting weight now is 162, and is only 29 years of age. Jim's manner is very pleasing; he is well dressed, and certainly looks the picture of health.



JAMES WATTS.

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The anti-prize fight citizens of Kentland, Ind., are indignant that no effort was made by the peace officers to prevent a prize fight that took place in a pasture near that town Sunday morning at one o'clock. The principals were "Kid" Hennessy, of Frankfort and Wm. Bruley, late democratic candidate for marshall of Kentland. Three hard fought battles told the tale—Bruley went down and out.

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Latonia opened up Monday in fine shape. Hernando won the derby in a gallop. A large crowd was in attendance who enjoyed a great afternoon's sport.

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Boney Boy, the running horse, is distinguishing himself by winning every time his price is good and losing whenever he is favorite.

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The two Gardners, Eddie of Wheeling, and Gus, of Boston, fought twenty rounds at Wheeling, W. Va., last week before five hundred spectators. Gus had the advantage largely in weight, height and reach, and several times he had Eddie nearly out, but the latter was game and made rapid recovery between rounds. This was the last fight in Wheeling, the new anti-prize fight law passed the legislature last winter becoming effective the next day after the fight.

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The grand jury at London has found a true bill of manslaughter against "Jack" Roberts, the pugilist, who on April 22 fatally injured "Billy" Smith in a boxing contest at the National Sporting Club; the referee, Douglass; Manager Bettison, of the National Sporting Club, and others concerned in the fight. The recorder recommended this course so that the courts might finally decide whether such competitions are genuine contests for points or prize fights.

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Weymouth, Eng.—The trial race between Sir Thomas Lipton's American cup challenger Shamrock II and Shamrock I, his old yacht, resulted in a victory for the latter, which beat the challenger five minutes and five seconds, over a triangular course of twenty miles. The only possible disadvantage to the challenger was the fact that she used her old mainsail, which sits worse since its salt-water bath of Thursday. There was no discoverable holding back of the challenger, although once or twice she pointed such a course as left the suspicion that the steersman was not making the most of every chance. There is no doubt the result of the trial was distinctly disappointing to those who had pinned their faith to the new challenger, especially as Shamrock I on the previous spins had not showed even equality with the new racer at any point of sailing, with the exception of running.

Race Gleanings

Dr. Anna B. Schultze, a colored physician of Chicago, entered suit the other day through her attorneys against the city Pittsburg, Pa., for $15,000 damages for false imprisonment. The circumstances that give rise to the damage suit occurred while Dr. Schultze was returning to Chicago from the inauguration at Washington. She stopped at Pittsburg with the intention of visiting old friends when she was arrested in the Pennsylvania station by Chief of Police O'Hara, despite the protest of her friends, and locked up in a cell in a police station on the suspicion that she was a woman whom the chief named Laura.

Dr. Schultze makes the statement that she was not released until late the next day, when a telegram from Senator Mark Hanna, for whom her brother is the private messenger, proved to the satisfaction of Chief O'Hara that she was not the woman wanted. She also sets up the claim that she was subjected to great indignites while under arrest and that a valuable diamond brooch was missing from her effects when they were returned to her. Mrs. Schultze is the first colored woman to be admitted to the practice of medicine in the State of Illinois and has an extensive practice among the colored people.

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Miss Iola Platt is a practicing lawyer in the state of Illinois.

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The Social Economics Club of Chicago, a member of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, has under consideration a proposal which, if adopted, will reverse the entire color line question that has been agitating the women's clubs of the country. A resolution applying for membership in the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs was favorably discussed. Dr. Dickinson, president of the Social Economics Club, submitted the proposition in a resolution making the club an applicant for admission to the Colored Women's Federation. Several of the women spoke strongly in favor of the idea. Others were doubtful about the wisdom of it and asked that two weeks be given in which to decide the question. This was granted.

"We need the things that colored women have to give us," said Dr. Dickinson, in speaking of her resolution.

Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett would only say that she was unable to understand the meaning of the proposition. Mrs. Barnett is a member of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

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The Louisville Women's Clubs, that are members of the National Federaion, have received notices from the Massachusetts Federation that they have, as a State organization, voted to so amend the Constitution of the National Society as to forbid any discrimination on account of color.

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Governor W. J. Samford, in a telegram to a New York paper to-day, says: "The South does not object to the efforts of philanthropists to assist the Negroes by education or otherwise. This State generously divides the educational fund between the races. The Southern people have the kindest feeling for the Negro and have no objection to any aid he may receive to better his condition. The Negro problem is necessarily largely committed to the white people of the South, and I doubt if it can be successfully undertaken by those who live hundreds of miles away and are not informed of existing conditions. Misdirected efforts might retard rather than advance his condition."

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The appellate court reversed a judgment, refusing to revoke the physician's license held by Jacob B. Oliver of Clay county Ind. Dr. Oliver is a colored man who has been practicing medicine in Clay county for many years. He was charged with obtaining a license by fraud and misrepresentation for the reason that he did not file an affidavit in compliance with the law in force in 1885 when he made application for his first license. The appellant's attorney was severely censured for the language he used in hisbrief.

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The Rev. Wm. H. Connor, of New London, Conn., believed to have been the oldest Negro preacher in the country, died at his home, age nearly 101 years. He was born in slavery, in Whitmarsh township, in what is now Baltimore county, Maryland.

In 1829 he escaped and for years was employed in a hotel in New York. He came to New London in 1840. He began preaching before 1850, and though never ordained, was at the head of the Negro religious society here and was affectionately known as Father Connor. His powers were remarkably preserved up to a short time ago.

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The first daily newspaper published by colored people was at Cairo, Ill., 1882.

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The Rev. Lott Carey was the first colored American missionary to Africa.

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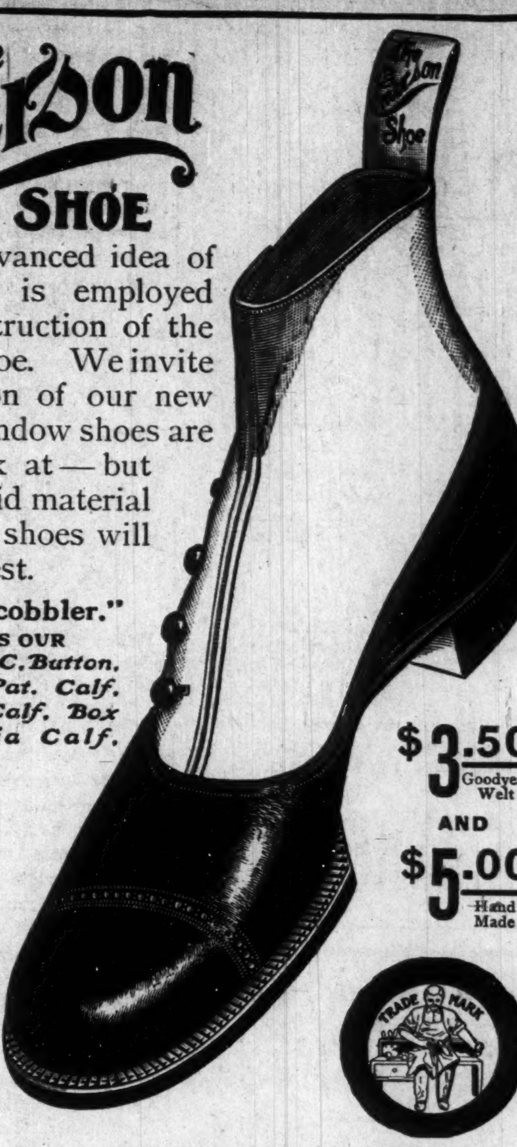
Blind Tom, the famous pianist, remembers nearly 4,000 different musical compositions.



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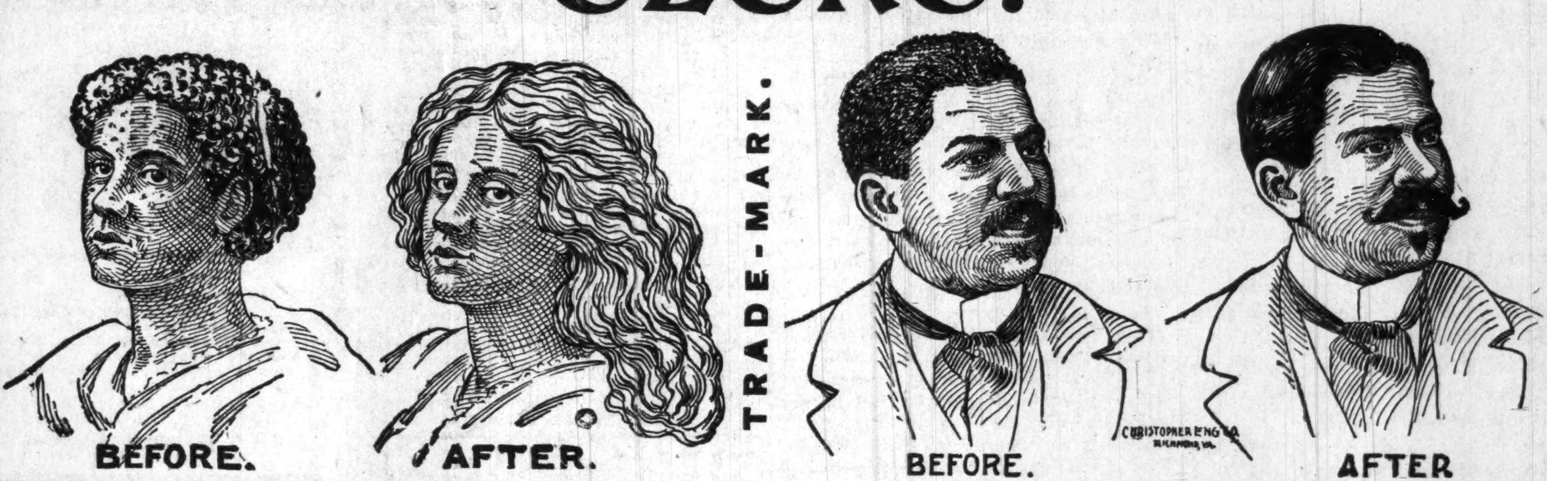

Recognizing the fact that there are many SO-CALLED hair-growers and hair-straighteners now on the market, and knowing to a certainty that many of these are frauds pure and simple, we wish to make a straight-forward, honest statement to the colored race through this great paper. In the year 1871 our late secretary, Mrs. S. M. Moore, through a fortunate circumstance, acquired the receipt for OZONO. It was not offered for sale or purchase to any extent until 1875, when it was put upon the market and met with marked success. After a thorough test by the colored people of that time it was pronounced an honest, legitimate remedy, true to all that was claimed for it, and worthy in every respect of the confidence of every member of the colored race, because they found it to cause the hair to grow long and straight, soft and fine, and as beautiful as an April morning. Now, whenever a genuine article appears upon the market there are always a number of people who imitate and make capital out of the merits of other people's goods. Seeing our marked success, numerous firms have entered the market, offering hair-growers and hair-straighteners, many of which are worthless, causing the hair to fall out and doing great damage to the hair and scalp, and the colored people are buying these spurious compounds, which are filled with animal fats, and do the hair more harm than good. To these let us sound a warning—be careful what you use on your hair. Do not be deceived by flaring advertisements and big words. Buy the King of all Hair Tonics,

OZONO,

which is sold with an iron-clad guarantee to do all that is claimed for it, or we will forfeit $50.00. Now, we ask you a plain question—would we absolutely agree to forfeit $50.00 if you are dissatisfied with our preparations, if they were not true to all we claim for them? We have advertised for several years under this guarantee, and we are glad to say that every one who has used Ozono has been satisfied in every respect.

20,000 people are to-day using our preparations, and every purchaser recommends Ozono as the King of all Hair Tonics. Ozono will positively take the Kinks out of Knotty, Kinky, Harsh, Curly, Refractory, Troublesome Hair. It will make short, harsh hair long and straight. It will cure your head of all itching, worrying scalp diseases. Itch, Eczema, Dandruff, and Scurf can not live after Ozono has been applied. It will stop your hair from falling out. It will restore gray hair to its natural color, making the hair long and soft.

Now, right here, let us make a statement. Many firms are advertising remedies to straighten hair, but when they send the preparation they tell you to use hot irons. Friends, do not use hot irons; they will burn up the life of the hair, and cause it to drop out. Ozono straightens without any outside assistance. Nothing but Ozono is necessary, and the hair stays straight forever. You can stop the use at any time. The good effects on the hair are seen in a day or two after the first application.

The price of Ozono is 50c. a bottle—4 boxes do the work. We make this liberal offer, which is good at any time: Cut out this coupon and send to us, enclosing with it the sum of One Dollar, and we will forward to you four large boxes of Ozono and one large bottle of Electrical Skin Refiner, which makes black skin bright, rough skin soft and pliant, and cures all skin diseases. Also removes all facial imperfections, and actually removes small-pox pits. We will also include one fancy jar of our Electrical Skin Food—Nature's great beautifier—removes wrinkles, moth patches, freckles, and all facial blemishes; makes the old look young and the young look younger.

We will also include one package of our celebrated Scalp Soap, which is absolutely CHEMICALLY PURE, and no soap but a pure soap should ever be used on the scalp. And, lastly, to prove our liberality, we will put in a pint package of Anti-Odor, a positive cure for Sore Throat or Mouth, all forms of Womb Diseases, Chilblains, Sore and Frosted Feet; also removes all smells and odors arising from the human body, such as feet, arm pits, etc.

The actual value of this Grand Aggregation is $4.00, but we let you have it for $1.00, simply to introduce honest goods. In order to protect the public in general from imitations of our goods, and to avoid mistakes, we have placed upon our coupon our Trade-Mark, one head showing Short Hair and the other head Long Hair. The U. S. Government has granted us this trade-mark, and it is registered in the Patent Office at Washington; so if the coupon has this trade-mark on it, you will make no mistake. Use only the coupon having the two heads on it. As to our responsibility, we refer you to the Editor of this paper or to the Metropolitan Bank of Richmond, Va. We have thousands of testimonials we have not space to publish. Here is a sample of one:

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..CITY NOTES..

Walter Lee will make his home in Cleveland.

Nahum D. Brascher is in the city for a few days.

The Zendas will entertain the 30th at Odd Fellows Hall.

Miss Lizzie Sweenie entertained the Topaz Cluster Club.

The May carnival at Shiloh Baptist church begins the 27th.

Mrs. Matilda Hutchinson has returned from a visit to St. Louis.

John Lewis, of the Recorder office, is on the sick list this week.

William Carr and Elmore Thompson, of Evansville, Ind., are in the city.

Forest Mitchell, of Frankford, Ind., was a pleasant caller at this office last week.

Miss Gertrude Howard has returned from Chicago and will spend the summer here.

Sam J. Taylor has accepted the night foremanship of the Union Station barber shop.

Rev. R. F. Hurley is in the East this week and will make a lecture or two before returning.

The Freeman can be found at the Modern dye works 215 Main street, Bowling Green, Ky.

The Rev. Masterson of Richmond, Ind., preached two very able sermons Sunday at Allen Chapel.

Messrs. Mannie Bramlette and T. Bramlette, of Nashville, Tenn., are in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. C. F. Brooks was called to Kokomo Wednesday, by the death of his sister Mrs. Anna Winburn.

Mrs. George Temple and baby has joined her husband in Louisville, Ky., where they will remain for the summer.

Copies of The Freeman may be found at G. F. Baker's shoe shop every Saturday, 1128 First Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

Mrs. Mattie Long and her grandma, Mrs. Jane Morton of Louisville, were in the city Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Chas. Jackson of 1410 N. Missouri street entertained a number of friends last evening in celebrating her husband birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Clinton Knox left Tuesday with the body of this eight-year-old son, whom they will bury at Talladega, Ala.

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The May Fair at Bethel A. M. E. church under the management of the East End Circle and the Ladies Alliance club will be held May 28, 29 and 30.

Miss Carter passed through the city Wednesday enroute to her home in Lafayette. Miss Carter has been engaged at Clark's University, Atlanta, Ga., this season.

Dr. W. H. Butler of Terre Haute spent several hours in the city this week. The Dr. has been transferred to N. Y., district and was on his way to take up his work.

Dr. Watson, Sect., of the A. M. E. Board of Church Extension was in the city this week inspecting the field with a view to locating the office here. He will also visit St. Louis.

Miss Madge Vaughn and her sister Eva, visited friends here Sunday; Miss Eva returning in the evening to her home in Noblesville and her sister remaining until Wednesday.

The first services of "St. Phillip's Episcopal Mission," consisting of evening Prayer and choral service, will be held Sunday May 26, at 4 p. m., in the chapel of St. Paul's church, corner of New York and Illinois streets.

Mrs. Sanders was buried Saturday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Upshaw on Ogden street. Funeral service from Allen Chapel officiated in by Rev. Masterson of Richmond. The remains were intered in Crown Hill.

A Rainbow Musical, Literary and Dramatic entertainment will be given at Allen Chapel, Friday evening, May 31, by the Young Ladies' Lend-a-Hand Club. The member participants will render the program attired in rainbow colors. Miss Fannie Mitchell, president; Miss Drucella M. Jackson, secretary; Miss Lillian Hurley, organist. Under the direction of Mrs. R. F. Hurley. Proceeds for benefit of church. They desire your presence.

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Shiloh Baptist Church Notes.

Rev. J. C. Patton of Shiloh Baptist church preached two very able sermons on Sunday. Rev. Hall, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting at Rev. J. C. Patton. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Anderson were in the city. W. Wheeler of Jeffersonville, Ind., is in the city. He attended services at Shiloh Sunday. Shiloh Baptist Sunday School is increasing. Rev. W. M. Dixon has received a call from Bermuda, Ala. Attend the May Carnival at Shiloh Baptist church May 27, to 31, 1901. Rev. J. C. Patton was in Anderson visiting friends this week.

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Then, again, such evil reports tends to lessen the true purpose of religion and to stigmatize the clergy at large. The world has circumscribed to the clergy a very narrow limitation, and she closely guards with jealous eye every movement made by them. Thus our two greatest factors—the press and pulpit—are at war. We calmly await results.

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The Ninth Presbyterian church.

Rev. H. A. Gibson, Pastor, will preach to morrow at 11 a. m., at night he will preach to the officers of the church, subject "what I owe to my offiice and to those who have elected me." The first Sabbath in June has been set by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Gibson, as "Flower day." at the Ninth Presbyterian church. The church is to be beautifully decerated with flowers loaned or donated by the members and friends of the church, and on that day at 11 o'clock a. m. the pastor will preach on "Flowers" the subject and text, "The Flowers of the Field." On Monday night following will be Flower Concert, participated in by some of the best talant of the city. After the concert, refreshments will be served in the Lecture room of the church, and such flowers as have been donated will be sold for the benefit of the church. All who attend Sunday morning service are requested to wear flowers, or at least carry one in the hand. And those who come without them will be furnished by the flower committee at the entrance of the church.

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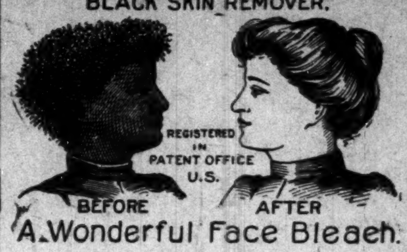
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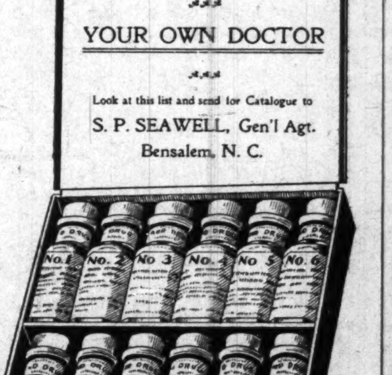

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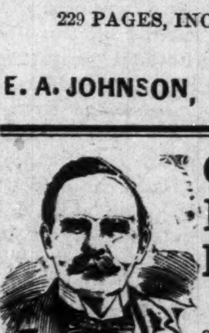

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